

## DETAILS OF SINKING OF UNDERSEA CRAFT BY U. S. DESTROYERS

Navy Department Gives Out  
Details of Good  
Feat.

### BRITISH PRAISE WORK

Thirteen Officers and One  
Hundred and Eighty  
Men Are Lost.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew, made public today by the navy department, show that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the ships engaged. The incident was reported November 24 but few facts were given at the time.

The submarine was sunk, the navy department's story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla conveyed by the destroyers.

**Use Depth Bombs.**  
When a periscope was sighted, both the Fanning and the Nicholson engaged the U-boat, dropping depth bombs, hitting the diver. After the Fanning had fired three shots at the undersea boat, the crew came on deck and held up their hands, surrendering.

The submarine then began to sink immediately, and the German sailors were thrown into the water, being rescued by the American with difficulty.

In the instance of one man it was necessary for an American sailor to jump overboard and fasten a rope under the arms of the German, who was too weak to help himself.

The British commander, under whom the destroyers were operating, said in his report:

"The whole affair reflects credit on the discipline and training of the United States flotilla."

## ANOTHER LETTER OF LIFE ON BATTLE LINE

WILLIAM KENNEDY WRITES OF  
LIFE ON THE FRENCH  
BATTLE FRONT

William Lee received the letter given below from W. P. Kennedy, who is a member of Company E, 13th Engineers, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France:

"Somewhere in France,  
"Dec. 8, 1917.

"Friend Bill:  
"I suppose you figure that I have forgotten you by this time, but such is not the case; have thought of you often, but for some reason or other have neglected to write. I hope you and your wife are well and have a very successful year. How is everything going? Suppose the old town is a little bit dead, but I often wish I was back unloading a meat car. That sure was the life, only I did not know it.

"The weather here surely is a puzzle. It freezes up for three or four days, then it starts in rain. It surely is disagreeable. Looks as though we will have to make the best of it for a couple of years, anyhow. It has ceased to look like a six months' affair. It surely is a great life, and railroading is quite a bit different, let me say. Cannot tell you more.

"Want to say that France or its people have not made much of an impression on me and, Bill, the morals of the country are about as low as they can get. But one must give them credit for putting up a wonderful fight.

"Have seen some very interesting and also gruesome sights here. Hope to be able to tell you all about them soon—guess I better say 'some day.' But I cannot come any too quick to suit me. You folks likely know more about the war than we do, as we have been here so long. We have since we lit here, so you see we have not seen much of 'Sunny France' as it is. Intend to see Paris when I get my furlough.

"Suppose if I ever see a girl again they will have to tie me to keep me from running away. The only women we have seen for three months have been a passing Red Cross nurse. They surely deserve a lot of credit for the work they do.

"The boys all send their best regards. C. S. wants to know how the bad orders are. Give our regards to all the fellows. Hope this letter finds you and your wife as well as it leaves us. I remain as ever,

"Bill."

## DIXON BEATEN BY CHIO TEAM

The Dixon high school basketball team journeyed to Ohio last night to engage the town team of that place, and in addition to suffering from the severe cold, they had to take a trimming, score 22 to 14.

## NEW YEAR'S DANCE.

The Shoemakers' Pleasure club will entertain at a big New Year's dance at Rosbrook's hall Tuesday evening, to which all their friends are invited. Music will be furnished by Heft's orchestra.

Esther Cleveland to  
Wed British Officer



The engagement of Esther Cleveland, daughter of former President Cleveland, to Captain Bosanquet of the Coldstream Guards, has been announced in London. Captain Bosanquet is a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet and has been decorated with the distinguished service order. Miss Cleveland went to London in June, 1916, after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded soldiers.

## SAY RUMANIAN KING HAS ABDICATED HIS THRONE TO CHARLES

Disturbed Conditions in  
Roumania Reported  
Today.

### IS A HOHENZOLLERN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Petrograd, Dec. 29.—There are persistent rumors here that King Ferdinand of Roumania has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles.

Disturbed conditions in Roumania were reported in a dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday. It was said that news of a revolutionary plot against King Ferdinand had been received at the Bolshevik headquarters in Petrograd. Other reports, it was added, tended to confirm indications of a political crisis. Except for this there has been little news from Roumania since the Roumanian army was forced to agree to an armistice on the eastern front. It had been reported that Bolshevik and German propagandists were at work among the Roumanian troops.

King Ferdinand, who is a member of the Hohenzollern family, succeeded his uncle, King Charles, in October, 1914. King Charles having died at Smala on October 10. Roumania declared war on Austria on August 27, 1916, and King Ferdinand took personal command of the army shortly thereafter.

King Ferdinand is the son of Prince Leopold of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, and two of his brothers are generals in the German army. He was born at Sigmaringen, August 24, 1855.

Crown Prince Charles was born October 3, 1893, and is an officer in the Roumanian army. He is unmarried, although early in 1914 it was reported that his betrothal to the then Grand Duchess Olga of Russia had been arranged.

Queen Marie of Roumania, who was a duchess of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, is a granddaughter of Queen Victoria of Great Britain and was married to King Ferdinand on January 10, 1893.

Since Roumania's entrance into the war, more than two-thirds of her territory has been overrun by the enemy. The royal family fled from the capital, Bucharest, in the fall of 1916, and since that time has been at Jassy.

## MAN IDENTIFIED BY HIS DAUGHTER

The body of the man who was found dead near the Third street crossing in DeKalb Saturday morning, Dec. 14, was identified yesterday afternoon as W. H. Ormsby of Beloit, Wis., by his daughter, Mrs. Whiting of Plymouth, Wis., who had read his description in the papers. For twenty years he had been foreman of a steel-hardening plant in Beloit, and left there for a short business trip on the day before he met his death.

## DANCE THIS EVENING.

The Shoemakers' Pleasure Club will hold their usual Saturday evening dance at Rosbrook hall this evening, for which Heft's orchestra will furnish the music.

Joshua Wolford and son of Ashton were in town today.

## THREE BRITISH WAR SHIPS SUNK BY SUB OR MINE; MANY LOST

Enemy Airships in North  
Sea—Fighting Fronts  
Are Quiet.

### ZEPPELIN IS WRECKED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
London, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk through being sunk by torpedoes or hitting a mine off the Dutch coast on the night of December 22, with the loss of 13 officers and 180 men, the admiralty announced today.

**British Still Quiet.**  
London, Dec. 29.—There is nothing of special interest to report, says today's official communication.

### FRENCH BOMBARDING.

Paris, Dec. 29.—"There was nothing to report last night, with the exception of patrol encounters of the Chemin Des Dames and Sapigneul," says today's official statement.

French aviators last night bombarded German establishments.

## WRECKED IN NORTH SEA.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
London, Dec. 29.—A Zepplin and a seaplane which accompanied it, have been wrecked in the North Sea, according to a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen.

### AMERICAN RELEASED.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 29.—B. R. Stevens, manager of the National City branch bank in Petrograd, and his assistant, arrested when the Bolsheviks seized the bank, have been released, American Ambassador Francis reported today.

What action concerning the seizure has been taken by the American embassy was not stated.

## SOCIALISTS TO FIGHT

MRS. O'HARE VERDICT

SOCIALIST EDITOR IS GATHER-  
ING FUNDS FOR WOMAN  
ORATOR.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
St. Louis, Dec. 29.—A defense fund to save Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare from a five year sentence imposed as the result of a recent conviction in North Dakota for violation of the espionage law has been started in St. Louis by Phil Wagner, publisher of several socialist publications. Mrs. O'Hare is now at liberty on bond and her socialist friends have announced their intention to fight her case in the United States supreme court. Mr. Wagner says he is proceeding on the theory that Mrs. O'Hare is guiltless of having remarked that "Mothers of American soldiers are no better than brood sows."

## ARE SELECTED FOR OFFICERS' SCHOOL

CHARTERS OF ASHTON AND  
WARNER OF DIXON IN  
OFFICERS' SCHOOL.

Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Dec. 29.—Two Lee county boys, both sergeants in Company M, 342nd Infantry, in the Eighty-sixth division of the National army, have been named as candidates for the third officers' reserve training camp. The men from this county who will enter the officers' school as candidates for shoulder straps are Sergt. Robert L. Warner of Dixon and Sergt. Paul W. Charters of Ashton.

The resignation of the ability of these two Lee county boys will be pleasing to their many friends. The men from each company are selected through recommendations from the company commander and these recommendations are passed upon by higher authorities. Only a limited number of men are taken from each company.

## WILL WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

The Frolickers will entertain all their friends and incidentally bid farewell to 1917 and welcome the new year at a dancing party at Rosbrook hall Monday evening, which the young entertainers anticipate will be one of the most successful parties they have held. The music for the party will be furnished by the Marquette orchestra.

## 'LEVEN BELOW; NO COAL HERE

The mercury pulled a few more of its pet winter stunts Friday night and registered a low mark of 11 degrees below zero. And the coal dealers added their bit this morning by announcing that there wasn't a pound of coal in any of the yards of the city.

## 100 PER CENT ... in ... Lee Co. Red Cross

100% flags since yesterday:  
Clifford Gray  
Myron Annis  
E. Graybill  
Wilbur Leake  
R. L. Johnson  
W. F. Aydelotte  
W. C. Stauffer  
Public Supply Co.  
C. G. Smith  
Archie Rawls' Shop  
Charles L. Rice  
Mrs. Ingraham  
John E. Erwin  
C. B. Morrison  
S. M. Gantz  
L. E. Edwards  
Herbert W. Scott  
Carl Wagner  
Resek & Bales Shop  
C. D. Anderson  
T. L. Cooley  
John L. Missman  
John Watson  
Mary E. Reilly  
Mary Pankhurst  
H. A. Lazier.

The membership quotas for the various precincts of the city and town ship were ascertained and adopted by the council of workers at the meeting last night, as follows:

First ..... 450  
Second ..... 450  
Third ..... 600  
Fourth ..... 450  
Fifth ..... 450  
Sixth ..... 550  
Seventh ..... 550  
3500

## ITALIAN WILLING TO FIGHT FOR FLAG AND COUNTRY HE ADOPTED

Frank Merlo, Although an  
Alien, Says He Will  
Go to War.

### SPECIAL CALLS SOON

Frank Merlo, an Italian born, and still a citizen of that sunny land, now section boss for the Illinois Central at Eldena, is a 100 per cent patriot. Being an alien he is entitled to exemption, but Mr. Merlo appeared before the local board at the court house in Dixon yesterday afternoon and said he wanted to fill out his questionnaire and wanted to be put in the first class, because he wanted to fight, and he'd "fight like hell" for the Stars and Stripes and the great cause.

He said he wanted to be in the artillery, so as to be near the big noise.

Merlo came to America Christmas day, 1907.

## ALL FROM QUESTIONNAIRE.

The following order from Provost Marshal General Crowder, which has been mentioned in news dispatches to the Evening Telegraph, has been officially received by the local board of exemption. It has to do with the placing of all men not already in service under the classifications of the Questionnaire, and also advises the board that they may expect calls for skilled mechanics or laborers in various lines in the near future and that the men will be selected from the four classes of the questionnaire classifications. The order reads:

"It has been decided that there will be no more formal calls for deferred percentages of the present quota before February 15. While boards should until they have enough men finally classified in Class I, send forward promptly men selected under the old regulations to make up deficiencies in calls already made, the results of this decision will be that we will be able to give the benefit of the new classification system to all men whose order numbers are so late as to place them within deferred percentages of the present call. Calls will, however, be made very shortly under the provisions of Section 149 for the special class of men there mentioned. For the sake of composing the public mind and for the convenience of the registrants, this information ought to be given wide dissemination."

## HOOVER IS ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE

Sneed, Head of Fuel Dis-  
tribution, on Stand  
Today.

### ELAME CAR SHORTAGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 29.—With L. A. Sneed, head of the fuel administration's distributing agency, on the stand, the senate committee investigating the coal situation today continued its efforts to bring out the reasons for the nationwide coal shortage.

Transportation difficulties, particularly a marked car shortage, were assigned yesterday by Mr. Sneed as the dominant causes of the prevailing coal difficulties. The shortage also might be described as "psychological," he added, explaining that a concerted rush of householders to obtain an adequate winter supply had proved too heavy a drain on the national supply.

The committee resumed the coal investigation yesterday when Food Administrator Hoover, who had been expected to make a statement on the sugar situation, failed to appear. The committee was told that Mr. Hoover had been called to New York, and after considering the advisability of sent a telegram requesting the food administrator to appear next Wednesday. Mr. Hoover replied that he would be present.

## GERMAN TALKED TOO MUCH; HE IS SORRY

YOUNG GERMAN LIVING IN  
PALMYRA SAID HE WOULD  
JOIN GERMAN ARMY.

Henry Schneider, a citizen of Germany, and therefore an enemy alien, was haled before the local board of exemption for Lee county last evening and given a severe lesson in deportment, which is considered healthy and proper for citizens of Germany who are living in the United States, and who talk too much.

Schneider lives in Palmyra township. He was sent a questionnaire, and went to Sterling to have it filled out. While he was there, he talked to Attorney L. L. Weaver, and told him he would just as soon go to Germany and join the German army.

Mr. Weaver gave the young man a terrific lecture, and reported the matter to the Lee county board. When Schneider was brought before the local board he admitted expressing the sentiments attributed to him, but said that he did not mean it, and that he was sorry.

He was instructed that hereafter he must make a report once a week to Sheriff Phillips of Lee county concerning his actions and his deportment, and that he must also go to Sterling and tell the people there who heard him talk against the United States that he was sorry, and to bring back a letter from them testifying that he had made the correction. This he did today.

The local board does not intend to allow unpatriotic remarks or actions or the talk of enemy aliens go unchecked, and further incidents of this nature will not be likely to get by with such lenient treatment.

## WALTER SMITH AND OTHER DIXON BOYS ARRIVE IN FRANCE

Son of Mark Smith Writes  
Parents of Voyage to  
Other Side.

### ALL WANT LETTERS

Walter Smith, who went from Camp Grant to France, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith, of his safe arrival, as follows: Dec. 10th, 1917.

Dear Folks:  
Well, I arrived safely in France. But after a — (deleted by censor) day trip, of which I spent two being seasick, namely, Thanksgiving and the day after. This was caused by a rough sea and storm and I wasn't alone in being sick, either.

Sorry I won't be able to get that box the Frye's were going to send me for Thanksgiving, but such is life in the army, but I thought of it as well as Dad's birthday.

We haven't had any snow, or really cold weather as yet, but I'm not crowing. I'm expecting to run across some of the other fellows from Dixon in the Engineers.

Don't worry about me, because I'm only one in thousands, and I'm going to keep doing the best I know how. Have all the boys write me a line as I surely will appreciate it, being so far from them.

Well, must close as we can't write everything we wish.

With love and best wishes to all.  
PRIV. WALTER M. SMITH,  
Co. D, 502 Service Bn., A. E. F., France via New York.

Mr. Smith is in the same detachment of the service with H. Spencer, E. Kennedy, Newman, P. Odenthal of Dixon; Zoeller of Franklin Grove; Hahneman of Lee Center; Francis Keenan, Mrs. Keenan has also received a letter from her son.

## RELIEF FROM COLD IS DUE IN NIGHT

WEATHER BUREAU PROMISES A  
LETUP BY TOMORROW—  
HOPE IT'S TRUE.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Chicago, Dec. 29.—Relief from the cold wave gripping the middle western states will come tonight or tomorrow. A bulletin issued by the government weather bureau today predicted generally fair tonight and on Sunday, with slowly rising temperatures.

The blizzard accompanying the severe blast that struck Chicago yesterday stopped during the night and officials of the state fuel administration were relieved, as they feared congestion of railroads and interference with coal movements. Coal shortages are reported from many points, with much suffering among the poor.

## THE WEATHER

Saturday, December 29.  
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Fair tonight and Sunday; not quite so cold Sunday, and in the northwest portion tonight.

FOR WEEK BEGINNING  
SUNDAY, DEC. 16.

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Sunday	39	23	
Monday	46	37	
Tuesday	39	8	
Wednesday	19	9	
Thursday	30	17	
Friday	32	4	below

T. W. Fuller, wife and daughter are in Chicago.

Elected President of  
Switzerland for 1918



Felix L. Calonder has been elected president of Switzerland for 1918. He received 176 votes. He is one of Switzerland's foremost citizens and was formerly vice president of the republic and head of the interior department. He has declared his country will continue to observe strict neutrality and that he will fight if necessary to protect it.

## THIRTEEN DIVORCES ASKED IN NEW CASES IN LEE CIRCUIT COURT

Fifty-eight New Cases Are  
Filed for January  
Term.

CONVENES JANUARY 7  
Judge Farrand Will Preside  
at the Coming  
Sessions.

A total of 53 new cases have been entered on the docket of the Lee county circuit court for trial at the January term, which will be convened by Judge R. S. Farrand Monday, Jan. 7. Of these 36 are chancery and 22 are common law cases. This number of new cases, for service in which yesterday was the last day, is not as large as usual, and accordingly attorneys do not expect the term to be a busy one, although the trial of old cases may keep the court occupied at intervals.

The criminal docket does not give indications of being heavy, and as far as known the grand jury will not be called upon to investigate any very important matters. Among the new chancery cases are 13 for divorce as follows:

William E. vs. Mary S. Clark  
Minnie vs. Guy E. Ankeny  
Francis W. vs. Bessie Heckman  
Edna vs. Joe Nattress  
Kate vs. John C. Hogan  
Nellie vs. Fred McDaniel  
Katherine H. vs. John Osterheld  
Zachariah vs. Florence M. Adams  
Rose vs. Herman Boch  
James H. vs. Maud M. Wheelock  
Edward vs. Angie A. March  
Grace vs. Joseph Laib  
Fred vs. Esther Jensen.

**Personal Injury.**  
One new case filed for trial yesterday was brought by Henry B. Hallway against Frank Merlo in which he asks \$5000 damages for alleged personal injuries received at the hands of the defendant May 31, at which time Mr. Hallway alleges he received a broken leg.

## SAMMIES FIGHT SNOW INSTEAD OF GERMANS

FOUR-DAY BLIZZARD MAKES  
AMERICAN SOLDIERS  
SHOVEL SNOW.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
With the American Army in France, Dec. 29.—Still another day of howling snowstorm—the fourth—saw virtually the entire American expeditionary force within the army zone abandon preparations to battle the Germans and begin a fight to keep from being snowed under. All last night and throughout today, flakes fell, choking the roads, and badly delaying traffic.

By nightfall the roads were in such shape that plows were brought out to keep the way clear. Soon after dark the sky cleared and a full moon came out, bathing the entire country in light almost as bright as day and making conditions ideal for air raids. There were low hanging clouds on the horizon, however, giving promise of more snow.

Virtually all training work was called off today, but will be resumed tomorrow unless more heavy snow makes it impossible.

## TO START NEW YEAR AT ELKS

The annual New Years dance and card party to be given by Dixon Lodge No. 779, B. P. O. Elks Tuesday evening promises to be one of the most enjoyable ever given by the lodge. The house committee is making arrangements to give the coming year's social events a fine start and to that end urges all Elks and members of their families over the age of 16 to attend. Music for the dance will be furnished by the Marquette orchestra.

## GOVERNMENT PASSED CHANCE TO BUY WOOL

LIBERAL OFFER BY DEALERS  
NEVER REACHED PROPER  
AUTHORITIES.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Clothing of America's fighting men was further investigated today by the senate military committee, with Quartermaster General Sharpe under examination.

Senator Weeks brought out that on April 3, Boston wool dealers offered all their wool to the government at prevailing prices, but the offer never reached General Sharpe, being referred to the general munitions board.

When orders were given to prepare to locate one million more men, General Sharpe said soaring prices, rather than a shortage, was the worst factor in the situation.



# DO YOU KNOW WHY --- There Are A Lot Of Cheerful Persons Like This One?



## CHURCH NEWS

**METHODIST**  
Rev. E. C. Lundberg, Pastor.  
Sunday school at 9:45. Supt., C. C. Hintz.  
Morning service at 10:45. Subject, "The Forward Look."  
Epworth League at 6:30. Leader, C. C. Hintz.  
Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Third Emancipation."  
At this service the pastor will tell of the great convention at Washington and the scene in the house when the vote was taken. Let everyone attend.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30. Junior choir Friday, 4:15.  
This is a church with a cordial welcome. Come and enjoy all these services. Excellent music.

**CHRISTIAN**  
Rev. W. Walter Moore, Pastor.  
The regular services will be held in the First Baptist church on next Lord's day afternoon as follows:  
Bible school at 2 o'clock.  
Communion and preaching service at 3 o'clock.  
A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

**GRACE EVANGELICAL**  
Sunday school, 9:45.  
Morning worship, 10:45.  
6:30 K. L. C. E. Leaders, officers, elect.  
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30, at the home of Leonard Sindlinger, 222 W. Chamberlain.  
Don't fail to attend the services that close the old and begin the new year.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 10:45.  
Evening service, 7:30.  
Rev. H. E. Holt of Waukesha, Wis., will preach both morning and evening.

**PREACH AT PRESBYTERIAN**  
At the Presbyterian church Sunday, both at the morning and evening service, Rev. H. E. Holt of Waukesha, Wis., will preach.

**GERMAN LUTHERAN IMMANUEL**  
Rev. G. A. Graf, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:30.  
Services, 10:30.  
Monday, Dec. 31.  
Services, 7:30 p. m.  
Franklin Grove, New Years Day, services with holy communion at 10:00.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
F. D. Altman, D. D. Pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Supt., W. E. White.  
Morning worship, 11:00.  
Subject, "The Attitude for the Best Help."  
Evening worship, 7:30.  
Subject, "Reflections on the Old and Suggestions for The New Year."  
Instruction class Saturday, at 2 p. m.  
The evening service on Sunday will be popular; there will be considerable music and the subject matter of the sermon will be on matters of interest.

**ELDENA U. E.**  
Rev. Paul Davis, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11:00.  
K. L. C. E., 7:30 p. m.

**EMMANUEL U. E.**  
Rev. Paul Davis, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 11 a. m.  
Morning worship, 10:00.  
K. L. C. E., 7:30 p. m.

**FIRST BAPTIST**  
Rev. Geo. W. Stoddard, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 9:45.  
Morning worship and sermon at 10:45. Subject of sermon, "Past, Present and Future."  
Baptist Young People's Union at 6:30. Topic, "Planning for the Future." Miss Hilda Gott, leader.  
Prayer service at 7:30.  
Cottage prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Shroff, 268 E. Everett St.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST**  
216 First Street  
Sunday service, 11 a. m.  
Subject, Christian Science.  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Wednesday service, 8 p. m.  
Reading room open daily from 2 to 4 p. m. except on Sundays and legal holidays.

**CHURCH OF THE BROTHERS**  
Rev. L. J. Johnson, Pastor.  
Sunday school, 10:00.  
Morning worship, 11:00.  
K. L. C. E. meeting, 7 p. m.  
Evening service, 7:30.  
Quarterly business meeting Monday evening at 7:30.

## STORY OF A TEXAS OUTLAW

"The Lone Star Ranger," an intensely interesting narrative of life and adventure in the Southwest.

Of the picturesque and turbulent life along the Mexican border back in the seventies, Zane Grey writes entertainingly in his latest work of fiction, "The Lone Star Ranger," which we have secured as our next serial. Book reviewers almost in unison have declared it the best story of its kind ever written. This is what some of them say:  
"The Lone Star Ranger" is a glowing tale of a hardy period in the history of our great Southwest.—New York World.  
"It is all capital stuff of its kind, the sort of a story that is likely to make one forget his every-day concerns and worries. We are in darkest Texas in the days of rustlers, bad men, and rangers."—N. Y. Tribune.  
"There is a breeze and buoyancy in the narrative, and the author's unadorned colloquial style greatly enhances the illusion of reality."—Philadelphia Press.  
"It is a story of such intense interest that the reader is swept along from page to page until he fairly lives through each desperate adventure in which 'Buck' participates. It is one of the most fascinating of all Zane Grey's tales."—Boston Globe.  
"Let nobody say that chivalry and knightliness are dead in America. Here is a stirring novel of wild border days of Texas in the early seventies, depicting principally a conflict between outlaws and Texas Rangers—a novel in which the two qualities named are vividly portrayed."—Portland Oregonian.  
"There's a punch in this yarn that makes it one of Grey's best."—Portland Telegram.  
"Mr. Grey is known as a writer of western stories of invigorating quality. The latest is the most robust of them all. A thrilling story of action; it is a good romance, too."—The Lone Star Herald.  
"You will never regret reading this story. We are especially pleased at the opportunity of running it at this particular time when interest in everything associated with Texas and the Mexican border country is at high tide. The first installment will appear soon. Watch for it."

"How did that soda fountain look after its explosion?"  
"It was very much of a fizzy wreck."—Baltimore American.  
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**LETTERS**  
N. Borogian.  
Mrs. Cora M. Barnes.  
Jacob Cohen.  
Ray Cox.  
H. T. Cooper.  
Mrs. F. H. Dolton.  
Louis A. Freitz.  
A. R. Green.  
Miss Carroll Hand.  
Willis Horn.  
Hollis Hoppmann.  
A. J. Hunter.  
John D. Jackson.  
Mrs. Rose Kall.  
Mrs. George Kline.  
Charles Marvin.  
Mrs. W. F. Murphy.  
Mrs. Alice Morris.  
A. F. Mueller.  
Lester Natron.  
R. C. Salzman.  
Oliver Wendell Scott.  
Charles Shotwell.  
**CARDS**  
Mrs. Ernest Boehme.  
Fred Jackson.  
Mike Manfield.  
Mrs. Mae Miller.  
F. J. Reichenbach.  
Wm. F. Hogan, Postmaster.  
Jas. W. Ballou, Assistant.

## COMB SAGE TEA IN FADED OR GRAY HAIR

If Mixed with Sulphur it Darkens so Naturally Nobody can Tell.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully dark, glossy and attractive with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, all ready to use, at very little cost. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair.  
A well-known downtown druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. It's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and beautiful. This preparation is a delightful hair requisite. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

## POLO

Dec. 28.—Mrs. E. G. Hurdle was in Dixon Friday.  
Roy Devaney, who visited his parents over Christmas, has returned to Camp Dodge.  
Mrs. Marshall Miller returned to her home in Chicago on Friday, stopping in Freeport and Rockford to visit friends.  
C. H. Hemmingsway was in Rockville Friday.  
Miss Jennie Ireland of Haldane, who has been visiting at the Gayin Cross home, returned to her home on Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pettitt and Mrs. E. E. Reed visited in Dixon on Friday.  
Miss Myrtle Clark spent Friday at the O. B. Starks home.  
Mrs. R. M. Wrigley and son Clifford of Peoria are guests at the Mrs. C. R. Clothier home.  
Mrs. R. R. Prall and daughter Annette of Freeport and H. H. Woulfe of Minneapolis are spending a week at the T. H. Straw home.  
Thursday afternoon a quiet wedding was celebrated at the new home of L. F. Carpenter when his daughter, Miss Edith Carpenter, was united in marriage to Clarence Hammer, Rev. A. D. Klontz performing the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families of the contracting parties. Shortly after the ceremony the happy couple took the evening train for Chicago for a short honeymoon. Mrs. Hammer has been a prominent school teacher in Polo and has a host of friends who will unite in congratulations. Her husband is a prominent farmer of this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer will make their home on the John Price farm south east of Polo.  
Col. John Ocker has sold his home on East Mason street to Wm. Shafer, who will take possession Jan. 1.  
John Bon will take possession of the Exchange hotel Jan. 28.  
C. E. Hendricks has purchased the J. S. Maloney home.  
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Matthews on Christmas day. A year ago a daughter came to this home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckman enjoyed Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson of Dixon.  
The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Straw was the scene of a happy party Christmas evening. The house was prettily decorated in holiday attire and at 6 o'clock an elaborate scramble supper was served, while the evening was spent with musical and social intercourse. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Melburne and daughter Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wendle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Buttlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hurdle, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lyons and Miss Lola Straw.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Newhanks of Steelville were Christmas guests at the Geo. Smith home.  
Mrs. C. E. Quinn of Woodstock spent Christmas at the John Kline home.  
Paul Lyons has returned to Great Lakes naval training station after a Christmas visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary Lyon.  
Miss Hazel Hedrick, who is employed at the Chase studio, spent Wednesday at her home in Haldane.  
O. S. Guio and family leave for Indianapolis this week where they will make their future home. Mr. Guio has accepted the agency for the Pratt tractor in that territory, which embraces the eastern part of Illinois and part of Kentucky.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Ditch and daughter Hazel spent the holidays with Mrs. Guy Bear of Freeport.  
Mrs. Will Lower of Haldane was in town Monday.  
Mrs. Barton Unger and sons Joe and Will of Rockville spent Christmas at the Wm. Strickler home.  
Mrs. Fay Wilson of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilson.  
Miss Agnes Lonergan of Chicago spent the holiday vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lonergan.  
Morton Swift of Chicago spent Christmas with his parents here.  
Orval Miller of Chicago was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Chas. Miller, Christmas.  
Miss Ruth Horner of Lanark was a guest at the F. H. Wilson home on Christmas.  
Mrs. Sherman Donaldson spent Christmas with her brother, Dan Holmes, in Rockville.  
Miss Kate Phelps spent Christmas in Oregon.  
Miss Bessie Waterbury spent Christmas with her sister at Oregon.  
Fred Dodson of Savannah spent the holiday at the home of Joe Dodson.  
Geo. Sauters was in Oregon on business the first of the week.  
Mrs. Bessie Thomas and son Robert left Wednesday for Michigan to reside.  
John Ashford, who is employed in the Swift stock yards at Chicago visited over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashford.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boddinger and children spent Christmas at the Cyrus Billing home in Forreton.  
Miss Grace Weble was the guest of honor at a farewell party held by the operators of the Polo telephone exchange as a token of appreciation of her services. She has resigned her position here and will go to her home in Mt. Morris.  
Miss Ina Reed is visiting relatives in Chicago.  
Peter Horrikan, agent at Lanark, spent Christmas with his brother, C. Horrikan of this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boesmer of Freeport enjoyed Christmas at the A. W. Keiner home.  
Charles H. Barger of Chicago spent Christmas with his mother in this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Gaarde of Chicago spent the holiday with Mrs. Alvis Buck.  
Miss Kate and Ada Muhl spent Christmas with their brother Albert in Dixon.  
Mrs. Rodney Ayres of Dixon, who has been taking care of her mother, Mrs. Hattie Burnett, for some time, returned home Wednesday.  
Mrs. Pettitt of Rock Falls returned to her home on Wednesday after a holiday visit with friends and relatives here.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Briscoe and baby of Dixon spent Christmas at the J. S. Maybourn home. Mrs. Briscoe's brother Wayne returned to Dixon with them on Wednesday to spend the week end.  
Mrs. John Pyfer and Mrs. George Ritzer went to Baileyville on Wednesday.  
Miss Edna Dimick of Dixon spent Wednesday at the home of Frank Reed.  
Mrs. D. O. Warshaw of Alhedgeville spent several hours here Wednesday en route to Freeport to visit at the A. B. Roberts home.  
Miss Clara Yawger, teacher in the fifth grade, is spending the week end in Freeport.  
Miss Laura Buck spent Wednesday in Baileyville.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Gaarde of Chicago spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. William Trotter at Freeport.  
Mrs. Rhodes spent Christmas with Aurora friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Isham left Monday for La Crosse, Wis., where they will spend the remainder of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Harry Watson.  
Miss June Miller went to Chicago Wednesday.  
Mrs. Frank Travis spent Christmas with her son in Rock Falls.  
Mrs. Fred McMillan transacted business in Forreton several days this week.  
Mrs. Elsie Schrader visited in Freeport Wednesday.  
Mrs. Harry Brand and daughter are visiting at the home of Mrs. Isaac Brand.  
Carl Smith Sr. was in Freeport on Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Neidle of Rockville spent Christmas at the John Wilson home.  
Mrs. Fred Miller and son Clarence spent Thursday in Dixon.  
Paul Glavin of Rockford and Arthur Glavin of Camp Grant visited at the home of William Devaney Wednesday.  
Twenty-nine guests were entertained Christmas day at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith.  
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Miller of Chicago enjoyed the holiday with relatives here.  
Fred Folk spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Susan Folk.  
Mrs. Tom Ingrassia of Rockford spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stauffer.  
Mrs. Ferd Hayes spent several days this week with friends in Forreton.  
Mrs. John Albright and daughter, Miss Lucy, were in Freeport Thursday.  
W. H. Hoover has returned to his home in Council Bluffs after a several weeks' visit with his daughter, Mrs. Luke Case.  
Mrs. William Diehl and daughter, Miss Benetta, spent Thursday in Freeport.  
Mrs. Harvey Anton and daughter, Miss Alice, spent Thursday in Freeport.  
Robert Thompson, who has been working for Wm. Diehl, near to Freeport on last Thursday to enlist in the navy.  
Miss Anna Duffey and Miss Pauline Donaldson transacted business in Freeport Thursday.  
Mrs. Frank Beck and daughter, Miss Helen, visited friends in Sterling Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coffey spent Thursday with his mother, Mr. Coffey will return to Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. Monday.  
Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. McCarthy of Chicago went to that city on Thursday. Mrs. Smith will spend the week end there.  
Mrs. Dunn and daughter, Miss Helen, of Lena spent several hours here Thursday.

here Thursday.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Graybill and son Donald, Joe Allison and family and Harry Gilbert enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Albert Gilbert home.  
Mrs. Howard Lambert and children have been visiting with Mrs. Lambert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. David.  
Miss Myrtle Davis shopped in Dixon Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Clinton held a family dinner at their home Christmas day.  
Mrs. A. P. King of Clinton, Iowa, is entertaining Mrs. Harry Hurd of Haldane.  
Miss Hazel Smith went to Dixon on Wednesday where she is on professional duty.  
Miss Mary Worthington of Dixon spent Christmas day at the E. Clonper home.  
Lloyd Folk went to Peru Wednesday on business.  
Sergeants Fred Folk, George Cross and Robert Copenhaver and Private Ralph Reed returned to Camp Grant Wednesday after spending the holidays with relatives.  
Mrs. Wm. Bracken and Miss Julia Bracken went to Rock Falls Wednesday to visit their nephew, Harold Bracken, who had expected to be at home on a 25-day furlough, but who was recalled. Mr. Bracken is Colonel Bell's private secretary.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry and daughter Zada of Rockville spent Christmas day at the home of Wm. Shaver.  
**ROCHELLE.**  
Rochelle, Dec. 27.—Edwin A. Peterson of Camp Grant was instantly killed here at 7:31 last night while returning to the cantonment after spending Christmas with his parents in Minneapolis. With Privates H. Hysten and E. Johnson, both of the field signal battalion, he was waiting for a freight train to pass at the main street crossing in Rochelle, where the three changed cars to reach camp, when a west bound freight train from the Chicago & North Western crossing struck him. His body was hurled from the track and his neck was broken. Witnesses of the accident declare that the freight engine carried only dim lights and the noise of the passing freight smothered its approach to the crossing. Dr. Robert E. Stevens was called and as he arrived, Peterson was breathing his last. The young man had been in the business section and was returning to the Burlington station to take the train back to Camp Grant when the tragedy occurred.  
The body was taken in charge by Coroner Charles P. Unger of Rochelle, who notified the boy's mother, Mrs. E. Peterson of Minneapolis. Military authorities will have disposition of the body. It will probably be returned to Minneapolis for burial. The inquest will be held at the Unger undertaking rooms at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon.  
Coroner Unger was called to Mr. Morris this noon to hold an inquest. A chance to see the old year out and the new one in and enjoy the experience is offered the citizens of Rochelle and vicinity and of neighboring cities in the third annual dancing party of the Illinois Club of Rochelle. This year's offering is a military ball to be staged in the Woodman hall in this city. New Year's eve, and it's going to be some party—Oh, boy!  
The fact that the informal affair is given for the benefit of the Rochelle Chapter of the American Red Cross should guarantee a record attendance. Furthermore, with the homecoming of the "boys with the colors" and the college crowd, it's going to be full of pep.  
Miss Florence Henke and her six-piece jazz band of DeKalb will furnish the music, and they are some jazz artists.  
A concert will precede the dance proper and a supper lunch will be served the dancers later in the evening. She's going to be a whiz—so speed up, friends, and attend the frolic.  
If you don't believe it, "look them over."  
The dance order:  
1.—One-Step, "Goodbye Broadway, Hello France."  
2.—Fox Trot, "We're All Bound Round With the Mason-Dixon Line."  
3.—One-Step, "Ragtime Volunteers Are Off to War."  
4.—Fox Trot, "Livery Stable Blues."  
5.—Waltz, "All the World Will Be Jealous of Me."  
6.—One-Step, "Umbrellas to Mend."  
7.—Fox Trot, "Some Sunday Morning."  
8.—One-Step, "Somewhere in France Is a Lily."  
9.—Fox Trot, Mr. Jazz Himself.  
10.—Waltz, "Sunshine of Your Smile."  
11.—One-Step, "We're Going Over."  
12.—Fox Trot, "Till the Clouds Roll By."  
13.—One-Step, "Sailing on the Henry Clay."  
14.—Fox Trot, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."  
15.—Waltz, "Love, Here Is My Heart."  
16.—One-Step, "Where Do We Go From Here?"  
17.—Fox Trot, "Pozzo."

18.—One-Step, "Over There."  
19.—One-Step, "Send Me Away With a Smile."  
20.—Waltz, "Forget Me Not."  
**THE PASTIME.**  
The Pastime roller rink will offer attractions for every night commencing this evening with a card party on skates. On Monday night, New Years eve, horns and souvenirs will be given to the skaters and New Years night will be Sweetheart night.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**  
Argine E. Anderson to Laura V. Withers wd \$8000 and h int in pt lot 1 blk 9 Dement and Dixon and all int in street or alley south of it.  
George B. Stitzel to Delaney G. Southwell wd \$8000 pt nwq sqw 4 Dixon twp.

**HAVE LITTLE SON.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gallagher of the Lincoln Way are the parents of a son, born Thursday morning. The mother and child are doing well. This is the second child; the first is a dear little daughter, nearly three years old. Before her marriage Mrs. Gallagher was Miss Hazel Ruppert.  
A box of engraved calling cards. See samples at the Evening Telegraph office.

## QUIT MEAT IF YOUR KIDNEYS ACT BADLY

Take tablespoonful of Salts if Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Drink lots of water.

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid, says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.  
The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.  
When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps of lead, and you have stinging pains in the back or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night; when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather, get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in urine so it is no longer a source of irritation, thus ending urinary and bladder disorders.  
Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink, and nobody can make a mistake by taking a little occasionally to keep the kidneys clean and active.

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## Buck Duane —Ranger

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# SOCIETY

## COMING EVENTS

**Monday**  
Watch Night Party, German Lutheran Church.

**Thursday**  
Ladies Aid, German Lutheran Church.

**German Lutheran Aid.**  
The Ladies Aid society of the German Lutheran church will meet at the church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

**Watch Night Party.**  
The Luther League of the German Lutheran church will hold a watch night party at the church Monday evening, to which all the young people of the church and congregation are invited.

**Returned to Chicago.**  
Wm. Slothower of Chicago, who has been visiting at the home of his brother, R. J. Slothower, for the past several days, returned to the city this morning.

**Ended Visit.**  
Miss May Kriebone of Oglesby returned to her home today after an over Christmas visit with Miss Marjorie Slothower.

**Mystic Workers' Supper.**  
A well attended meeting of the Mystic Workers was held last evening in Miller hall, with fifty present for the enjoyable supper and social session which followed. Mrs. R. J. Slothower, chairman, and Miss Laura Long, Mrs. Thoma and Mrs. Joseph Stackpole, the entertainment committee for the evening, had prepared a most excellent supper, which consisted of two kinds of buns, roast beef, pickles, two kinds of cake, and coffee.

**Returned to Chicago.**  
Miss Bertha E. Knapp and Charles J. Larson, after a few days' pleasant visit with the former's relatives here, have returned to their homes in Chicago.

**Gave Dinner Party.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Knapp entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner last evening. Fourteen guests were present, including Miss Bertha E. Knapp and Charles J. Larson of Chicago, Mr. Daniel Schuck of Palmyra, Mrs. G. Fritz of Sterling, Mrs. Lundy of Ashton and the J. Roy Knapp family of this city.

**Frolickers Dancing Party.**  
All the young people who enjoy dancing will enjoy the party the Frolickers' club are giving New Year's eve. The Marquette orchestra will furnish music for the affair, which is to be given in Rosbrook hall.

**Enjoyable Dancing Party.**  
The Travelers from the East dancing party Friday evening was a very delightful affair, with just enough guests to provide everyone with changes of partners but not enough to crowd the floor and make dancing uncomfortable. Enjoyable music was furnished by the Slothower orchestra. The decorations were an attractive arrangement of the national colors.

**Return From Elgin.**  
Miss Elizabeth Raymond and her cousin, Phil Raymond, will return this evening from Elgin where they attended a house party given by Miss Alice Pearsall and brother Dick. Miss Pearsall and brother will accompany them to Dixon to be their guests for a few days and to enjoy the skating. The condition of the river ice is particularly good just now and a number have skated as far as Lowell park within the last few days.

**Presbyterian Missionary.**  
Miss Hitchcock and Miss Woodbridge were hostesses Friday afternoon to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary society of the Presbyterian church. The weather man, who usually regulates the attendance, meddled Friday and there were few out. Those who were present enjoyed two interesting papers given by Mrs. Livingston and Miss Agnes Raymond. The former told of the relief work among the Syrians and the latter of the "Southern Mountaineers."

**Dinner Party.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Preston Wolcott of Temperance Hill are entertaining today with a dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King of Central City, Neb., who are here on a visit with Mr. King's father, E. L. King of Lee Center. Mr. and Mrs. King resided at Lee Center until about one year ago when they went to Nebraska to make their home. The guests at today's dinner numbered 26.

**Postpone St. James Aid.**  
The meeting of the St. James Aid society, to have been held January 2 with Mrs. Hubert Bahen of St. James, will be held instead on Jan. 9, with Mrs. Bahen.

**For Christmas Visit.**  
Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Carolus and two children, Edwin and Annabel, were here for a Christmas visit at the home of Mrs. Carolus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Barlow. Dr. and Mrs. Carolus live at Industry, this state.

**Plan Yearly Dinner.**  
The Pennsylvania Corners Ladies Aid society held a meeting Wednesday and arrangements were completed for the yearly dinner which will be held a week from next Thursday. This is a social affair looked forward to by all the members and many former residents of the Corners. Mrs. Jacob Dockery and Mrs. Wm. Sheeley were dinner hostesses Wednesday, placing a delicious repast before the guests. The attendance of members was large.

**Christmas Party.**  
Miss Inez Dockery of Pennsylvania Corners entertained Monday evening with a Christmas party. The evening's pleasure terminated in the festivities around the Christmas tree, which contained gifts for all Kathryn and John Bovey of Chicago were out of town guests.

**Week-end Guests.**  
Kathryn and John Bovey of Chicago are being entertained this week-end at the Funk Bros. home at Pine Creek. Miss Grace Funk of Oregon is also a guest.

**Sunday Guests.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hansen of Deatur, Walter Street of Humbolt, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Street of Sterling will be Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Street. Mr. Hansen, former Y. M. C. A. secretary at Sterling, is the author of a book, "Optimist vs. Pessimist."

**Knitting Party.**  
Mrs. Mark Brown entertained the members of the Snaidni club with a knitting party Friday afternoon. After refreshments the members knitted until 5 o'clock for the Red Cross.

**Guest from Elgin.**  
Miss Jessie McCormack of Elgin will come this evening to be a guest of Miss Marion Miller over the week end.

**With Miss Ives.**  
Miss Geneva Hutchins of Rockford and Miss Persia Agnew of Chicago are guests of Miss Josephine Ives for over New Year's.

**Christmas Visit.**  
Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Youngman and daughter Gertrude returned Wednesday from a Christmas visit in Rockford with their son and brother, Caland Youngman, and family.

**Entertained.**  
T. A. Mossholder and daughter Anna were dinner guests last evening of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson.

**Vacation Here.**  
Miss Isabel Fry of St. Joseph is spending her vacation in Dixon.

**To Entertain.**  
Miss Charlotte Campbell will entertain a few girl friends on Monday afternoon.

**What's Use of Kicking?**  
"What's the use of kicking against things you can't help? Meet life with cheerfulness and fortitude, and smile."

**Holiday Guests.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ingraham and Mrs. Ingraham's niece, Doris England of Philadelphia, were holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Ingraham.

**Christmas Guests.**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Hamilton and two daughters, Elan and Cecile, returned to Chicago Wednesday after a Christmas visit with Mrs. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Woolever. Mr. and Mrs. David Talty and son Burton of Sterling were also Christmas guests at the Woolever home.

**Guest from Barrington.**  
Mrs. G. W. Spinner of Barrington, Ill., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lane.

**At Dinner.**  
Miss Marion Ahrens entertained at 6 o'clock dinner last evening Misses Mary and Ruth Shippert of Nachusa.

**To Visit Mother.**  
Ira L. Myers of Chicago was here today on business and visited his mother, Mrs. Harvey E. Myers, of Prairieville.

**From Spokane.**  
A. G. Hutchinson is here from Spokane, Wash., a guest of his sister, Mrs. Emerson Bennett.

**Dick Dement Here.**  
Dick Dement is here from Seattle, Wash., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dement.

**New Features at Pastime.**  
The new features which have marked each evening at the Pastime roller rink have decidedly pleased the patrons. Tonight there will be a card party on skates, Monday night it has been arranged to skate the old year out and horns will be given all the skaters. New Years night will be designated "Sweetheart" night.

**Holidays With Mother.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker of Moline spent Christmas with her mother Mrs. Freeland. Mrs. Baker will remain until after New Year's, Mr. Baker returning yesterday.

**From Davenport.**  
Mrs. Geo. Edwards and daughter Frances of Davenport are guests of Mrs. Chas. Meyers. They were guests Christmas of Mrs. Edwards' sister Mrs. Lester Leonard at Rochelle. Mr. Edwards returned to Davenport and Mrs. Edwards and daughter came to Dixon to visit friends.

**From Grayslake.**  
Miss Sue Glessner of Grayslake, Ill., is here on business and to visit friends. She was entertained Friday at the home of Mrs. Hillis. This evening she will go to Chicago to meet her sister, Mrs. Strohm, also from Grayslake, for a few days' visit shopping in Chicago. They will visit the latter's daughter, Mrs. Samue Sahlgren, who with her family is residing in Chicago.

**Are Guests.**  
The little Misses June Beede and Mildred Wraga of Chicago are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCoy until after New Year's.

**Benefit Well Attended.**  
A crowded house at the Family theatre afternoon and evening testified to the good-heartedness of Dixon people in helping the W. R. C. to purchase an ambulance for overseas service and a goodly sum was realized for the organization for that purpose. The play presented was "Draft No. 258" with Mabel Tallaferra as star and was given through the courtesy of Mr. Rorer.

**Will Close House.**  
Mrs. H. S. Nichols will close her house the first of the year and go to Chicago to be with her sister, Mrs. B. Fleming for the rest of the winter. Mrs. J. F. Hauser, her mother, will spend part of the winter in Galena.

**From Chicago.**  
Miss Agnes Reilly of Chicago has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Reilly.

**For Week-End Visit.**  
Miss Selma Winkler of Sterling is a week-end guest of the Misses Leona and Alice Krug, and will remain over New Year's.

**At Sunday Dinner.**  
Mr. and Mrs. August Krug will entertain at dinner Sunday, Emil Krug and daughters, the Misses Leona and Alice, their guest, Miss Selma Winkler of Sterling, and Mrs. S. Krug.

**End Visit Here.**  
Doctor Dahl and Miss Mary McCoy, who were over-Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCoy, the latter's parents, have returned to Chicago.

**Guests From Mendota.**  
Mrs. George Kohl and daughter Irma of Mendota are guests at the August Krug home.

**Return to Cabery.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bronois, who have been guests of Dixon relatives, leave today for their home in Cabery.

**Shelby Cortright returned to Cedar Falls yesterday after a Christmas visit with his wife and parents.**

**H. H. Heinze is enjoying a holiday vacation at his home.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bryan will go to Preston, Iowa, Monday, to attend the funeral of the latter's grandfather, A. L. Bartholomew.**

**Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Emmerson have returned from an over-Christmas visit with relatives in Maquoketa, Iowa.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vaughn were here Friday from Amboy.**

## RAIL WAGE BOOSTS NOW UP TO WILSON

**RAILWAY HEADS ALSO PREDICT GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF ROADS.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 29.—The railroads have definitely refused the demand of their organized employees for 40 per cent increases in pay, and have turned the responsibility entirely to the government. The railway executives here today, in letting their decision be known, made no concealment of their feeling that government operation is a step toward government ownership, and made clear that they felt the public and stockholders would demand it.

## WILSON TO REVIEW DEATH SENTENCES

**PRESIDENT PROHIBITS MILITARY EXECUTIONS IN U. S. WITHOUT REVIEW.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has prohibited the execution of any more American soldiers, except in General Pershing's forces abroad, before the sentence of the court-martial has been reviewed in Washington. Thirteen negro troops of the Twenty-fourth infantry recently were executed for rioting at Houston, Tex., without review at Washington. No fault has been found in the verdict of the court.

## PROFITS IN ARMY CONTRACTS PROBED

**COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FIGURES AGAIN IN INVESTIGATION.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 29.—The profitable "scrap sorting contracts" in connection with making of army uniforms, which testimony at the senate committee investigation of war activities has led into the committee of the Council of National Defense, came up again at today's hearing while Quartermaster General Sharpe was still under examination. It was developed that Samuel Caplan, a member of the supply committee, has protested against cancellation of a sorting contract in which his brother was interested, and it was further developed that his brother was treasurer of the Millbrook Mill company, owning one of the Connecticut woolen mills commandeered by the government.

## HIDE AND LEATHER CONTROL TALKED

**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION INQUIRY POINTS TO SUCH CONTROL.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Boston, Dec. 29.—Control by the makers of the hide and leather industry as well as the rendering business with its many branches was indicated by the evidence elicited by the federal trade commission, which today for the time being its local inquiry into the country's meat industry today.

## SUMMARY OF WAR

**Break Italian Attack.**  
Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Italian attack against the Austro-German position on the heights east of Monte Tomba broke yesterday under fire of the Germans, it was announced officially today by the German war office.

**Confirm Sinking.**  
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, Dec. 29.—Officials of the Cunard line here today confirmed previously published reports of the sinking by a German submarine of the steamship Vinovia, 5500 tons, off the British Isles.

**WHAT BECAME OF M. E. BELL?**  
Prof. L. B. Neighbour is interested in gathering historic data, and says that the Methodist church was located on E. Second street, opposite the court house, in the one story brick building now owned and occupied by Dr. White. In that church was a bell. Can any of the readers of the Telegraph tell what became of the bell? If so, will they be kind enough to communicate with Prof. Neighbour?

**ENLISTS AS AVIATOR.**  
Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Woodyatt, has recently enlisted in the aviation corps and successfully passed his examination in Chicago. A year ago Mr. Woodyatt graduated from the University of Illinois and has been in the employ of a Chicago automobile concern.

**SISTER IS ILL.**  
Mrs. Wm. Harkins was called to Chicago by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Frank Baker.

**UNDERWENT OPERATION.**  
Fred Hever underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday at the hospital.

**Mrs. Fred Dimick and daughter went to Chicago yesterday to visit Mrs. Clay and Mrs. Stuart.**

**Mrs. S. W. Lehman and mother, Mrs. White, leave New Year's day for Houston, Tex., to spend the winter.**

## M'ADOO TO CUT ALL TRAIN SERVICE

**Eliminates Unnecessary Traffic, as First Step in Federal Control.**

## RAIL HEADS ASKED TO AID

**Director General Orders Executives to Continue Operation of Lines and Increase Efficiency.**

Washington, Dec. 29.—William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, sent the following telegram to the president and board of directors of every railroad in the country:  
"Having assumed the duties imposed upon me by and in pursuance of the proclamation of the president, dated December 28, 1917, you will, until otherwise ordered, continue the operation of your road in conformity with the said proclamation.  
"You are required to make every possible effort to increase efficiency and to move traffic by the most convenient and expeditious routes. I confidently count on your hearty co-operation. It is only through united efforts, unselfish service and effective work that this war can be won and America's future secured."

**"W. G. M'ADOO, McAdoo Makes Plans.**  
Director General McAdoo announced these other plans:  
Immediate relief for the crowded terminal situation in New York and New Jersey.  
Reduction of unnecessary passenger and freight trains.  
Government to pay for its passenger and freight transportation.  
Railroads to keep their own books.  
Quickest and most direct routing, carrying with it common use of railroad facilities and abolition of ship-pers choice of routing.  
The railways war board put these suggestions up to Director General McAdoo:  
Immediate reduction of traffic facilities for nonessential commodities.  
Congressional appropriation for working fund.  
Rail War Board Stays.  
The drafting of the railroad war board into government service was Secretary McAdoo's first act.  
The five railroad executives, transportation experts, will work out plans for the amalgamation of the country's rail systems into one great national unit. They are:  
Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern railway.  
Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of the Southern Pacific.  
Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania.  
Hale Holden, president of the Burlington.  
Howard Elliott of the New Haven.  
At a conference, railroad executives told Secretary McAdoo what the railroads consider their needs in the way of guarantees and the encouragement of security issues. Operating problems were thoroughly discussed.  
Payne McAdoo Aid.  
John Barton Payne of Chicago attended the conference and his presence led to the belief that he might be named as an assistant to Mr. McAdoo.  
The rail heads were apparently much better satisfied after the conference. Hale Holden declared the lines would at once work out a plan for economy and for the pooling of all freight movements. He said the pooling arrangement would relieve congestion.

**AIRMAN KILL SAMMIES**

**Germans Drop Bombs From Plane on U. S. Men.**

**Corporal of Pershing's Engineers Killed by Shell as He is Working on Front.**

With the American Army in France, Dec. 29.—A corporal of American engineers was killed and one private was wounded Christmas eve, when a German shell dropped near a party of American engineers working in the trenches on a section of the French front. The engineers for several weeks had been working along the front with veteran French engineers for purposes of instruction.  
On a recent moonlight night German aviators dropped bombs near a certain town, and two American privates who were in a camp in a wood were killed. The German aviators flew low and dropped their bombs accurately.  
Under orders received from general headquarters divisional commanders of the American forces issued orders suspending temporarily Paris leave for all officers and men. No explanation was given.  
For three days snow has been falling intermittently throughout the American zone, interfering with the training of troops and with communications. At times a strong wind has accompanied the snowfall and many roads are becoming almost impassable on account of drifts. No serious difficulty has been experienced thus far in supplying the troops in the outlying towns and districts, but it is feared that the supply problem will give trouble if the storm continues.

**Friends.**  
A friend is one who is a friend to you when you are absent. Happy the man who has many such friends and who is such a friend to many.—Exchange.

## Treacherous Doors

"A burglar proof house is the worst thing a man can have," remarked Tomlinson, as he dealt the cards. "If you lose your latchkey you don't get in. But if you have one of those old-fashioned houses that are not burglar proof and you lose your key it is easy enough just to raise a window and crawl in."

"Latchkeys are no use," said Kelly. "You have the wrong key half the time. Now those good old-fashioned brass keys never got lost and they were always the right ones. If you didn't happen to have your key you could borrow one somewhere and get in anyway. There should be a standard lock and key, so that any man could get in or out of any door so long as he had a key."

"I always have trouble getting out," said Meeker. "That's always my difficulty. I can always get in, but hanged if I can get out thru these newfangled doors at all. I hate like the dickens to summon aid in such a simple thing as getting out of a house. Still, I have to do it. I never was good at puzzles. Of course, I could get out in time, but I haven't the patience, especially when there isn't much air."

"What are you driving at?" asked Kelly. "What's in your mind?"  
"Why, when I was at the Aultman House they had a closet in my room, and I couldn't tell the closet door from the door that led into the hallway and when I started for the street I went into the closet and the door snapped behind me and I was in the dark and couldn't get out."

"I couldn't even find the door, to say nothing of the combination. The only way I could locate the door at all was to bump my head on the knob. After accomplishing that I had one of those neat, tidy little jobs to do on the lock that was peculiar to the hotel. I couldn't work it, so I hollered and yelled and kicked and scared all the ladies in the house."

"The proprietor came up at last and let me out, but he was mad, because some of the guests insisted that a respectable place would not tolerate such murders and goings on."

"The very next time I started to go out I went into the closet again. I tried harder than ever to get myself out this time without asking for assistance, as it was terribly embarrassing, but when I remembered certain engagements I had I was forced to call again."

"The proprietor took his time about coming, for he was good and mad. However, I was grateful for my release and tried to impress upon my mind which was the door out. I was so anxious to remember which was the right door that I went into the closet again. This time I worked hard on the puzzle, and gave up and resorted to yelling only when I began to think I was on the point of suffocation. The proprietor came quickly again and kicked me out of the hotel."

"I guess," said Tomlinson.

**The "Well of Jacob."**  
The "well of Jacob" in Palestine is about a mile and a half east of the town of Shechem. It is also called "The well of the Samaritan woman." It is about 75 feet deep and of all the special localities connected with the life of Jesus Christ is almost the only one absolutely undisputed, and it is excavated in the solid rock, is nine feet in diameter. Sometimes it contains a few feet of water; at other times it is dry.

**All Supposition.**  
Twenty-one is supposed to be the age of discretion, but some women live to be sixty years old before they are discreet enough to wear comfortable shoes.—Houston Daily Post.

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## WHY IT WAS NEEDED.

An editorial which appeared in the New York World recently, before the  
government took over the railroads of the United States, shows some of the  
reasons why such an action was necessary, and some of the benefits which  
may be expected to result from the government's action. The World  
editor says:

"There are said to be 200,000 loaded freight cars in the yards of the  
railroad terminals around this city and on the sidings within a reachable  
distance therefrom. They are loaded with foodstuffs and coal and other  
commodities in urgent demand, some consigned to allied European countries  
for which ship-room is lacking and the rest consigned to home consumption  
which is either unable to get within reach of these immense supplies or is  
slow in unloading them when brought within reach. It is described as an  
unprecedented situation, and it doubtless is so in magnitude, but it is not so  
in kind. Nearly every fall season has brought upon the railroads the same  
experience in greater or less degree, and for years their managers have at  
least made a show of effort for correction, as in increased charges to con-  
signees for the use of cars as private warehouses. The effectiveness of  
these efforts can be judged by what we now see. Possibly a union of rail-  
road direction under a so-called government dictatorship might better the  
situation in this respect. It certainly could not do worse. Nothing would  
seem to be simpler than to find a way to speed up the unloading of cars by  
consignees and keep the return movement somewhere near an equality with  
the forward movement, but it has not been done by the roads acting individ-  
ually or under the Interstate Commission, and now we have reached a point  
where it must be done. This is one pressing reason why government author-  
ity and power should be put behind the unified control now established as a  
war measure.

## DRASTIC STEPS ARE ADVISABLE.

There are times when mercy has no place in the handling of criminals  
and when the most drastic steps are vitally necessary, and reading news  
dispatches about finding ground glass in the tomatoes and rice and other  
food stored up for the soldier boys at American training camps makes one  
think that here is a time for such action.

The hangman's rope or the firing squad, operated a few times, and no  
secret made of it, would put a proper fear and respect for Uncle Sam into  
the hearts of the crawling, skulking, murderous German spies who infest  
this nation from ocean to ocean, and who appear to think they can, with  
impunity, scheme and plot and murder and destroy.

American leniency toward criminals, and the disposition of the public  
to trust a brother, has gained for us in Germany a reputation as a nation of  
easy-going, pleasure-loving fools, who have no national honor, no patriotism,  
no national unity. They regard us as being self-centered and bigoted, in-  
terested only in our personal fortunes and having no interest in what hap-  
pens to the public or the nation at large.

The kaiser and his agents will find that they have made a fatal blunder  
—the greatest blunder of the war.

## CREDIT WHERE IT IS DUE.

An exchange says: The less Americans and foreign friends and ad-  
mirers of America have to say about American "supremacy" in the war or  
in war councils, the better for America and for the great cause in which  
she is now fully enlisted. To begin with, no good thing is to be accom-  
plished by this braggart talk. It is reasonably to be assumed that those who  
have borne the brunt of this great conflict for over three years, at frightful  
cost, may be nettled at the suggestion that certain Americans who talk  
and write better than they shoot are claiming credit for "winning the war"  
in advance of their equal participation in its real sacrifices. Let's be modest.  
We do well to remember the sacrifices of our allies and to gratefully ac-  
knowledge their bravery on our behalf as well as their own. We of America  
will do well to measure our part in this war in actual achievement and in  
sacrifice. Work, not talk, will fix our right place in the record of this  
struggle.

A plumber, on trial for an offense, objected to the jury that was going  
to try him, because on the jury was a man he had done some work for, also  
his butcher, and his wife's first husband, which really was some excuse for  
objection.

The people who make defective shells, together with the fellows who  
put ground glass in the soldiers' food, would be getting off easy if they were  
put in the front ranks in a charge against their friends, the enemy.

"Made In Germany" stamped on an article used to sell the goods. For  
the next few generations, at least, such a stamp will kill the sale. So much  
for blundering German diplomacy.

A while ago Russia could borrow billions. Now that misguided  
country would have difficulty in borrowing 75 cents.

The fellow who can't afford a dollar for a membership in the Red Cross  
can usually dig up several dollars for a spree.

The distribution of morning glory and sweet pea seeds by congress isn't  
going to go very far toward easing up the seed corn shortage.

It is suggested that the Bolsheviks are misnamed, and should be called  
Botcheviki.

## CITY IN BRIEF

—We have plenty of white paper  
for pantry shelves and bureau draw-  
ers. B. F. Shaw Ptg. Co.

—Deputy Sheriff Frank Schoenholz  
and Turnkey Joe Miller transacted  
business in the eastern part of the  
county today.

I. C. Agent Reilly was in Sterling  
Thursday.

—Charles Brown of Ashton was here  
today.

—Dr. Stanley will spend Sunday in  
Rockford with his wife, returning to  
Dixon later. Look for his adv. else-  
where in this paper.

—Mrs. Burtfield was taken home on  
Christmas day from the hospital.

## ABE MARTIN



Remember when you couldn't get a  
photograph taken unless the sun was  
shinin'? I've never seen anybody  
driven t' drink, but I've noticed th'  
cars parked in front of th' cafes.

Price of the Daily Telegraph by  
city carrier, 10 cents a week. Price by  
mail, \$3 a year. Single copies, 5 cents  
each.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. C. Miel,  
of Nelson were here today, the former  
to see an attorney in regard to his  
questionnaire. Mr. Miel is foreman  
of the Nelson roundhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hartshorn of  
Nelson were here Thursday.

Howard Keigwin of Walnut was in  
town the first of the week.

W. W. Gantzer of Nelson was here  
today.

## Interesting

"There was a lot of excitement at  
the Civic League meeting today when  
Arabella Swartz fainted," said Mrs.  
Tomkins.

"I didn't know women ever fainted  
when there were no men present to  
catch them," observed Tomkins.

"No? Men themselves faint some-  
times," replied Mrs. Tomkins. "There  
was that lecture they had at the Wise  
Club the other night. I had just got  
my new switch and it made my head  
feel so heavy and hot, and we were  
just starting out for the lecture when  
a fire broke out and—"

"You saw a chance to dodge the lec-  
ture by going to the fire—"

"Well, we thought that if it was a  
real good fire we couldn't give it up  
for what might be a bad lecture. But  
the fire was a failure. We ran three  
or four blocks, and I merely succeed-  
ing in getting very warm, particularly  
in the head, where my new switch felt  
like a poultice. We went on to the  
lecture and it was warmer than ever  
in that hall. I began to feel sleepy.  
In fact, I began to feel as if I were  
going to faint. I closed my eyes and  
was just dozing off, when there were  
screams and a big commotion and the  
lecturer had fainted."

"I'll bet that if you had known any-  
thing of the sort was liable to happen  
you would have stayed awake, wouldn't  
you?" said Tomkins. "What was the  
matter with the lecturer? Had he  
been to the fire, and did he have on a  
hotter wig than yours? How did he  
beat you to it? I suppose you figured  
that after the lecturer's fainting spell  
your little faint would make a very  
poor showing."

"Yes, that is all true. I knew there  
was no use fainting after he had faint-  
ed, and I was sorry I had dozed off  
and missed the whole show. Cold  
water is supposed to revive a person,  
but I tell you a realization that one  
has missed something and is liable to  
miss still more is very reviving too."

"After this I shall always keep my  
eyes open when I am at lectures or  
anything of the sort for fear that I  
may miss something. You never can  
tell when something will happen.  
There were no indications that there  
was to be any excitement at that lec-  
ture at all. Half the people were  
asleep, and it was an awfully lazy  
evening."

"Perhaps the lecturer saw that his  
lecture couldn't keep any one awake,  
and so he resorted to fainting to wake  
them up. Or perhaps he fell asleep  
himself and didn't faint at all. Did  
they carry him off to bed?"

"They carried him out to a couch in  
the adjoining room."

"Then, by gum! The professor was a  
wise one. All he had to do was to  
faint and be carried off to bed."  
"Yes, and I would have given a  
whole lot to be carried off to bed my-  
self just at that minute, but, as you  
say, the lecturer saw it first."

## Playing Safe.

"We have asked her several times to  
sing, and she has refused each time."  
"If I were you I'd let it go at that.  
Some of the strangers may go away  
thinking they've missed something."

## Early Hymn Writing.

Hymns were first written probably  
between three and four thousand years  
ago. Miriam's chorus at the Red Sea  
crossing will readily be recalled. The  
oldest hymns are found in the Old  
Testament and in archeological re-  
mains.

DECLARES TROOPS  
NEED SUPPLIES

Major General Greble, Command-  
er at Camp Bowie, Tex., Be-  
fore Senate Body.

## ALL MEN ARE WELL CLOTHED

Asserts Command Is Still Short of  
Equipment for Overseas Service—  
Needs Rifles and Heavy Guns  
—Pershing Well Supplied.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Maj. Gen. Ed-  
win St. J. Greble, commander at Camp  
Bowie, Tex., told the senate military  
affairs committee that shortages at  
that camp ranged from 50 per cent in  
rifles to 92 per cent in artillery har-  
ness.

Although all the men at Camp  
Doniphan, Okla., are now well-clothed,  
the command is still short for over-  
seas service and has not enough equip-  
ment in rifles and heavy guns for the  
most efficient training, Maj. Gen. Wil-  
liam Wright, the commander, told the  
committee. General Wright and Gen-  
eral Greble, both of whom recently  
returned from the French battle front,  
were examined by the committee in  
executive session as to the equipment  
of General Pershing's forces and equip-  
ment at National army cantonments.  
Then in a public hearing they were  
questioned as to their own camps.

## Pershing Ample Supplied.

General Pershing's troops, the offi-  
cers said, have ample supplies of all  
kinds, including ordnance, although  
most of the heavy artillery is borrowed  
from the allies. They said that the  
American expedition has plenty of  
clothing and that the only deficiency  
in accoutrement was in motor trucks.

Secretary Baker, in response to a  
resolution passed unanimously last  
Wednesday urging the war depart-  
ment to forego routine in supplying  
winter clothing at various camps, re-  
plied by letter that conditions had im-  
proved by receipt of belated supplies  
and that steps were taken immedi-  
ately to remedy shortages.

At Camp Doniphan, where 25,000  
men are in training, General Wright  
said at the public hearing they were  
short 5,114 rifles. There are now 12-  
600 there, he said.

Other shortages are in all artillery  
except three-inch guns, all trench  
mortars, bayonets and entrenching  
tools, Camp Doniphan, he said, has no heavy  
machine guns, but has 50 light Lewis  
and 30 French machine rifles for train-  
ing purposes.

In detail, General Wright said much  
of the material he is short of will not  
be needed and cannot be obtained un-  
til his forces go abroad. All the ma-  
chine guns, however, he said, are need-  
ed for training purposes at once.

All the men now, he said, are well  
clothed and have plenty of shoes, and  
he added that he felt confident he  
could obtain sufficient clothing for for-  
eign service upon starting for Europe.

Senator Hitchcock said all congress-  
men had received letters from parents  
of soldiers, "protesting very bitterly"  
against alleged poor treatment of the  
sick in hospitals. General Wright an-  
swered that all officers were "keen" to  
give the best possible care to the sick.

## No Broomsticks Used.

General Wright said his troops had  
not used broomsticks or wooden rifles.

If his command was fully equipped,  
General Wright said, its training  
could be completed in two or three  
months.

Food supplies he pronounced  
"fine."

Despite the bayonet shortage at  
Camp Doniphan, bayonet training,  
General Wright said, had been excel-  
lent.

Camp Bowie Shortage.

General Wright was followed by  
General Greble, who gave shortages  
in equipment at Camp Bowie on De-  
cember 23.

"This shortage delays training,"  
General Greble said, but he added that  
the handicap was not serious. He be-  
lieved the shortages due to the sending  
of equipment abroad.

General Greble agreed with General  
Wright that it was highly desirable  
to have ample rifles, but said target  
practice was proceeding well despite  
the rifle shortage.

"We had some wooden guns sent  
down by the ordnance department,"  
said General Greble.

## COLD WAVE HITS COUNTRY

Forty-Nine Degrees Below Zero Re-  
ported at Eveleth, Minn.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The whole coun-  
try, with the exception of the Southern  
states, is cold today. The temperature  
ranges from 40 degrees below zero on  
up the scale, but in few spots is the  
mercury far above the zero mark.

Chicago has not been slighted in the  
distribution of the wave and the weather  
forecaster predicts increasing and  
lasting cold, which may reach 5 to 10  
degrees below zero. The intense cold  
is expected to freeze out the blizzard  
which struck the city yesterday.

Northwestern Minnesota and Canada,  
where the blasts started, report tem-  
peratures ranging from 25 to 49 be-  
low. Forty-nine below was the official  
mark at Eveleth, Minn.

No relief is in sight for the middle  
West and the East before Monday or  
Tuesday. The break in the snap in the  
Northwest is expected tonight.

"Do you ever quarrel with your  
wife?"

"Never," replied Mr. Meekton.  
"When a difference of opinion  
arises Henrietta lectures and I am  
the audience."—Washington Even-  
ing Star.

## CURRENT COMMENT

Los Angeles Times: At last the  
palmetto tree is coming into its own.  
It has posed for years in southern or-  
atory and poetry and now southern  
states say to it: "Now you may be  
useful as well as ornamental. You  
shall take the place of Mexican sisal  
for the manufacture of cotton bag-  
ging and binding twine and instead  
of being made into brooms to sweep  
ignoble floors, you shall become use-  
ful to the nation." A new machine  
spins the fiber out of palmetto leaves.  
They are stripped green from trees,  
fed into one end of the machine and  
emerge balls of binder twine from the  
other end. In four months these  
trees will have another coat of leaves  
which will be cut off at the stem and  
fed into the machine, and so on three  
times a year. At first the Palmetto  
Products company made carpeting to  
take the place of wire grass rugs but  
rugs are a luxury, while bagging and  
binding twine are necessities. They  
are shipped north and take the place  
of Yucatan sisal.

## CHICAGO MARKETS

Simons, Day & Co., Chicago.  
C. D. Anderson, Mgr.  
Chicago, Dec. 29.

Corn—	Jan	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2
May	125	125 1/2	124 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Oats—	Dec	78 1/2	81	78 1/2	80 1/2
May	76 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Receipts today—					
Hogs	21,000.	Market steady,	top		
1680.					
Cattle	3500.	Steady.			
Sheep	1500.	Strong.			
Estimated tomorrow—					
Hogs	30,000.				
Cattle	15,000.				
Sheep	12,000.				

## WIT AND NEAR WIT.

First Rattlesnake—"What's the  
matter with the kid snake over  
there?"  
Second Rattlesnake—"Why?"  
"He's making so much noise."  
"Oh, he has an idea he can fill  
his father's shoes. Hear him rattle!"  
—Yonkers Statesman.

The riddle fiend announced—"If I  
take two letters from 'money,' 'one'  
will be left. Curious, isn't it?"  
"Very," drawled the bored friend,  
"but I can tell you something more  
curious."  
"What's that?"  
"A friend of mine took money  
from two letters and now his wife  
and family are left!"—London Tit-  
bits.

In a Vermont town they tell of a  
suitor who, after some years of de-

votion, finally proposed to the lady  
of his choice.

"But, Henry," protested the lady,  
"this is really sudden. You had bet-  
ter give me a week to think it  
over!"

"Very well, my dear," said Henry.  
"And," after due reflection, he  
added, "perhaps it would be as well  
if I thought it over myself at the  
same time!"

PAN-GERMANS DO NOT  
LIKE PEACE OFFERS

SOME NEWSPAPERS SAY THAT  
GERMANY IS GIVING UP  
EVERYTHING.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—Pan-Ger-  
man newspapers angrily condemn the  
peace terms of the Central Powers.  
The Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin  
said:

"Never before have we given up  
so completely everything we so dearly  
bought with the blood of hundreds of  
thousands, with the sweat of mil-  
lions, with the deprivations of our  
children, with our own hunger."

TEACHERS' MEET  
WAS BIG AFFAIR

County Superintendent L. W. Mil-  
ler returned last evening from Spring  
field, where he attended the annual  
meeting of the state teachers' asso-  
ciation. He also took part in a meet-  
ing of county superintendents, which  
he says was one of the best ever held  
by that organization.

## Cotton Is Ancient.

Just who discovered cotton is not  
known. The early records are so in-  
complete that no individual can be  
credited with the discovery of the val-  
ue of this wonderful plant. Long be-  
fore Caesar's time, among the Hindoos,  
they had a law that if you stole a piece  
of cotton you were fined three times  
its value. Most of the early nations  
were familiar with cotton—the early  
Egyptians, Chinese and other ancient  
people used it and valued it.

## An Eye for Business.

Five-year-old Jimmy had a new  
brother and his problem was, "What  
will I call him?" One day he decided  
and said: "Oh! I know. Call him  
Jimmy, so when I'm called he can go!"

## ATTENDED FUNERAL.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Street attended  
the funeral of Mr. Street's uncle,  
Hon. Henry S. Street, at Sterling on  
Friday afternoon.

## First Dinner Party.

They had been married but three  
months and it was their first dinner  
party; consequently they were both a  
little flurried when the time drew  
near for the guests to arrive. She had  
arranged the table herself and stood  
surveying the effect.

"Do you think everything will go  
well, dearie?" she asked for the un-  
tenth time.

"Of course. Why shouldn't it? I'm  
really sorry for the fellows who are  
not married. They have to give their  
dinners in restaurants."

"Oh, how sweet of you, dearie," she  
gurgled. "And I'm really sorry for  
the poor girls who have no nice hus-  
bands."

She wandered around a while, then  
stood still and listened.

"Hush! There's a carriage."

"And they hustled into the living  
room. But the carriage rolled on. He  
looked at his watch. It was just  
seven.

"How foolish of us! Of course, no  
one would dream of coming before the  
half-hour," she said. "You know,  
lovely, one always says half an hour  
before the real dinner hour."

Half an hour passed. Not a soul put  
in an appearance. The clock struck  
eight. The bride burst into tears.

"I've never been so insulted in my  
life. My friends always accepted my  
invitations before I was married."

"So did mine, even if I did have to  
invite them to restaurants."

"I shall go home to mother and you  
can go to your old restaurants as  
much as you please."

"Oh, don't let me keep you."

She rushed into her bedroom and  
began piling her pretty things pell-mell  
into a suitcase. Then she gave a cry.  
Her eye fell on a heap of white en-  
velopes in the corner of a drawer.

"Husband!" she called out in a  
tragic voice. "Here are all the invita-  
tions. I forgot to mail them."

They looked at one another for a  
moment, then he opened his arms and  
she fell into them. The blissful mo-  
ment of reconciliation was interrupted  
by a voice from the kitchen: "Would  
yez be havin' any dinner tonight?"

"Oh," the bride cried, "what am I  
going to say to cook?"

## Masculine Gender.

Pat (relating his experience at sea)  
—"Yes, when he struck the rock he  
heeled over and his—"

John (interrupting)—"But, my dear  
fellow, don't you know you should al-  
ways call a ship 'she'?"

Pat—"Ah, but this was a mail  
boat."

## Effects of Misfortune.

Little minds are tamed and subdued  
by misfortune; but great minds rise  
above it.—Washington Irving.

Time Flies  
Days-Weeks-Months

Come and go so quickly we don't  
realize how fast the year rolls  
around.

Why not be sure and have enough  
money next Christmas?

Deposit a small amount weekly in  
our Christmas Savings Club and you  
will accumulate a sum sufficient  
for your requirements. You will  
get a generous check for your sav-  
ings just before Christmas when you  
need it most.

## City National Bank

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SAVINGS CLUB



## BALLOONIST IS EYES AND EARS OF THE ARMY

Watchful Observers Note Every Activity of Enemy.

### KEEP GENERAL STAFF POSTED

Usual Routine of Enemy Is Known and Any Departure From This Schedule Is Cause for Suspicion—Men Selected as Observers Must Have Physical Endurance and Acute Vision.

(By a Captain in the Aviation Corps.)

Hardly a train moves within five miles back of the German trenches, or a squadron of men come up for relief, or digging begun on a new series of emplacements but a pair of keen eyes, steadily watching from great observation balloons just behind the allied front, takes notice of it. Every movement, every activity, is registered until a schedule of the usual enemy routine is built up and the average amount of motion known. Any departure from this schedule is suspicious. A train running late or with more cars than usual, men in the trenches being relieved too frequently, new roads or emplacements being built too earnestly, give the first hint that "Fritz" across the line, is up to something.

A keen balloonist notes any of these changes, and at once telephones down to the ground. "An extra train of six cars passed—at ten-forty." Half a mile farther down the line another pair of eyes reports, "Large convoy moving up to front, range so-and-so." Still a little farther down another suspicious circumstance is noted, until the general staff down below, assembling all these straws, foresees the beginning of a big offensive across the line. Counter measures are taken, batteries directed, convoys and trenches smashed up, and the enemy's plans thrown askew.

Possibly, however, the offensive is to come from the balloonist's own side. The observer ascends with full knowledge of all the details of action, emboldened probably to move up much nearer the German lines than usual, in the belief that the enemy's artillery will be driven off. The opening bombardment is a time of ceaseless and vital work, spotting shot by shot, watching for new enemy batteries to open up, moving the barrage fire back and forth with the advance of the troops. Any error here may send the steel wall into the observer's own troops or cost scores of lives later by failure to make a complete demolition of the enemy's defense.

**Gets Parachute Ready.** "Hostile airplane overhead," is apt to break in through the telephone wire at any moment. A German aviator, more adventurous than his fellows, is swooping down, perhaps under a protecting cloud, in an attempt to put out the ever-watchful eyes. The observer makes ready his parachute, the machine gun on the ground below click off a rain of lead at the invader, and the windlass men start bringing the big envelope to ground with all possible speed. Perhaps the invader is driven off; perhaps the balloon is stricken into flames and the balloonist forced to parachute to the ground. In either case it is all a part of the day's work which adds adventure and romance to the responsible work done by the balloonist.

Such is, briefly—very briefly—the duty and work of the balloon observer. Calm, patient, ever watchful, he rides far above the ground as the great envelope sways on its long cable. Hours pass, perhaps, but finally, as inevitably as fate, the reward comes. A single flash, a slight movement across the line, and another tiny claw of the German eagle reveals itself for the allied artillerymen beneath.

The vital importance and development of this work has hardly as yet been suspected in this country. "Over there" balloon observation has become a science which, while perhaps less spectacular than airplane observation, is none the less essential. The balloonist, riding steadily for hours at a time with the German lines spread out before him, and in direct telephone communication with the ground, with his batteries, and with other balloons, amasses a maze of details and accurate knowledge which his more vicarious and longer-winded air brother cannot hope to secure.

**Used in Napoleonic Wars.**

The first use of balloons in warfare dates way back to the Napoleonic wars, when France employed them against Austria. So revolutionary was the procedure, however, that all captured observers were treated as spies by the enraged Austrians. During the Civil War in this country Northern observers looked out across the Potomac from near Washington at the Confederates, and gained very valuable information, though under very precarious circumstances. France further developed the art in the war of 1870 against Germany, who later took it up on a much more ambitious scale in her Zeppelins. The science fell upon slack times, however, as did that of airplanes, and the war department's reports of a few years back are full of brief statements that no work was done in ballooning for lack of funds.

The balloon services abroad, however, had been carefully, if modestly,

developed for military purposes, and the moment that the war settled into the trenches came into their own again. It was at once discovered that work could be done with them which could be done in no other way. Balloon observation began to assume vital importance until now hardly a mile of the front lines is without its big, clumsy envelope. A constant, ceaseless vigil is maintained over every move of the enemy, over every shell fired by either side, so that friends below may be saved from surprise and enemies across the lines may feel the weight of every shell hurled at them.

The United States is building up such a force literally from nothing. Last November the old field out West was overgrown with weeds, the gas reservoir out of repair, the whole place stagnant. In the last few months, however, the field has been cleared and brought back to activity, the air once again is filled with big, friendly balloons, and keen-faced men are being trained for immediate service abroad. Already the first American detachments are in France, as shown in the accompanying pictures, the vanguard of a large American balloon force which ultimately will be as complete as any other branch of the army.

**Work Is Invaluable.** The work that this force will do will be invaluable. With the airplane spotters and photographers, it will complete the vast air service which it is expected will blind the German army and prepare the way for the artillery and infantry to break up the German military resistance. Its minute-by-minute observations will head off all enemy surprises and will at the same time make it possible for American men and munitions to secure the maximum of destruction on the other side of No Man's Land.

Few of us here realize that the big envelopes commonly ascend as high as 4,500 feet and that they stay for hours poised in midair to perform the responsible duties assigned them. Usually the ascent is made anywhere from 2½ to 4½ miles from the enemy's front-line trenches, depending on the power of his artillery, the direction of the wind, and the activity of the salient. In any case the observer has a circle of vision of about eight miles, and is able to pierce far back into the enemy's lines. "The most detailed and up-to-the-minute maps, the finest kind of field glasses, and instant communication with the ground make the balloonist a master of everything spread out before his gaze."

When the American troops are preparing to go "over the top" an unusually large number of balloons will be concentrated as secretly as possible in masked camps in order not to betray what is about to take place. At the appointed moment they will take the air and divide up every detail of the battle amongst them. Some will record the heavy-artillery fire, shot by shot; others will see to it that the work of demolition behind the enemy's lines is effective; others will guard against any reinforcements or troops.

**Must Know Enemy Country.** As the troops go over they will check closely the German batteries, the shifting of their infantry, and the assembling of supplies. As the American forces advance the balloons will move forward also in unison with them along routes previously prepared. Observations for the barrage will be sent down repeatedly, so that it may move back and forth with the men and details sent so that the enemy's guns setting up the destructive counter barrage may be silenced.

To do this the American balloonist must know every detail of the enemy's land opposite him, for a mistake on his part may cost the lives of scores of men below. No new battery should open up across the lines without its location being spotted on the detail map, the number and size of the pieces and their objective noted, and counter-fire preparations made against it. No new troops should move into the enemy trenches without being fully known, numbers as well as routes—difficult work all of it—for the German has many wily devices for simulating gunfire and camouflaging movements. And the work also will not be without danger and difficulties, though the chances of a fatal outcome are not large. If it is not a swooping airman bent on setting the big gas bag on

### ENGLISH NOBILITY ARE ENGAGED IN WAR WORK



Princess Alexander of Teck, wife of Queen Mary's brother, prominent among titled British women who are engaged in war relief work.

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fire, it may be a rain of shrapnel seeking the same object or of percussion shells endeavoring to blow up the windlass below and set the big bag adrift in a wind blowing across the German lines. Naturally, every precaution in the way of protecting airmen and anti-aircraft guns are on hand, but even at that constant vigilance is essential.

**Weather Makes Trouble.** Weather conditions also bring difficulties, though not so great as might be expected from a distance. Flying in thunderstorms is, of course, dangerous because of the lightning. Rainstorms appreciably add to the weight of the balloon and thereby decrease its ascending power, while heavy winds put a strain on the cable and considerable wear and tear on the envelope. Clouds are bothersome as a mask for lurking airmen, and fogs, if regular through the atmosphere, render observation very difficult. Nevertheless, so essential is the news gathered by balloonists that they are sent up in all sorts and kinds of weather.

One of the most difficult and yet essential parts of the work is that of concealing the balloon "beds," especially from enemy airmen who like to hunt out the big envelopes when they are lying still on the ground. "Beds" in the lee of a hill which obstructs artillery fire or in the deceptive shadows of a nearby wood offer a preliminary disguise, but beyond that "camouflages" are needed to exercise their highest skill.

Plans for all this work are now progressing at a gratifying rate. The American balloon program has been aided by the best and latest developments abroad, while manufacture presents but a few difficulties, owing to the resources of the big American rubber companies. The great need, as with all the air program, is for men of the type and ability needed, men for officers' commissions as observers and men for the enlisted squadrons to do the delicate mechanical work necessary. The balloon section of the Signal corps at Washington has already handled hundreds of letter applications and is ready to furnish the fullest details so that by next spring in France may be increased to a size commensurate with the pressing needs of the American army there.

**Requirements for Service.** Men who are being selected as observers, and who will all be commissioned as officers, should have physical endurance, acute vision, an appreciation of distances and localities, and, above all a sense of responsibility and thoroughness in keeping with the importance of the work assigned to them. They may be somewhat older than aviators—preferably from twenty-five to thirty-five—and of somewhat less severe physical requirements. A special training is given in winds military observation meteorology and ballooning before a cadet is given his officer's commission and his post above the trenches in France in order that the high standards prevailing throughout the air service generally may be upheld.

For the enlisted men who will form the squadrons, gas-workers, employees, rope riggers, cordage workers and mechanics are especially fitted. The number of men trained through their civilian occupations to do this delicate and highly specialized work is limited, indeed, and the difficulty of establishing contact with them is great. Nevertheless, the forces are being brought together with gratifying rapidity and give every promise of becoming an efficient part of the air establishment which is to help the allies blind the German forces in France.

### THREE OLD SUITS FOR NEW ONE IN BERLIN

Strict Rules Are Enforced to Conserve the Diminishing Supply of Cloth.

To conserve the diminishing supply of clothing in Germany, the German government has imposed regulations requiring that, for all articles of linen or personal wear to be purchased, three similar worn articles must be returned. This increases the scope and rigor of the clothing cards introduced less than a year ago.

The regulation applies to cotton stockings, gloves, collars, table linen and cloth materials for various household purposes. For every suit or overcoat two well-worn or one in good condition must be surrendered. The only articles of ordinary wear or use that are exempted from card regulation are wooden shoes and silk things. More than a year ago there was much talk in Germany of reducing the consumption of cloth by inducing patriot-minded women to return to the old but fashionable tight skirt. The maximum quantity of material, in meters, which should be used for a dress was even stipulated. The economy was not successfully accomplished, however, for the German women, though they shortened their skirts appreciably, made them wide and full.

Now, therefore, there is pending a rigid specifications limiting the number of yards of cloth which may be devoted to any garment of given proportions—depending upon the size of the prospective wearer. And if the wearer needs linen and other garments than outer clothes she must turn in three corresponding worn-out pieces of lingerie. The strict rules and regulations that are growing stricter each month have led naturally to an increased amount of deception and countless attempts by those who possess stocks of clothing to evade the card system by selling at abnormally high prices to those who cannot procure cards.

—Look at the little yellow tag on your paper, and if in arrears send draft or postoffice order for the amount due.

## KAISER'S TERMS HIT BY PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

Declares "Future Peace and Freedom of Mankind" Hang on Entente Victory.

### FRANCE SPURNS PROPOSAL

Foreign Minister Pichon, Speaking in Chamber of Deputies, Declares France Will Not Accept Peace Based on Status Quo.

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The advance guard of the German peace delegation arrived in Petrograd Thursday evening. It consisted of Baron Admiral Keyserlingk, who was formerly naval attaché to the German embassy in Petrograd; Captain Herhan and Lieutenant Vierende, also naval officers.

London, Dec. 29.—"Achievement of the purposes for which the allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind," says Premier Lloyd-George in a letter which he sent to the labor congress. The premier's statement is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offer.

**France Against Proposal.**

Paris, Dec. 29.—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the war, Foreign Minister Pichon declared in replying in the chamber of deputies to the German proposals. He said Germany was seeking to protract the negotiations with the Russians and to re-establish commercial relations, believing that in this way the bolshevik might be checkmated, and continued:

"Germany is trying to involve us in her maximalist negotiations. After suffering as we have, we cannot accept peace based on the status quo. By agreement with our allies we are ready to discuss direct propositions regarding peace, but this is indirect."

**America Assures Victory.** "Russia can treat for a separate peace with our enemies or not. In either case the war for us will continue. An ally has failed us, an ally who in preceding years carried off great victories. It is a great success for our enemy, but another ally has come. From the other end of the world a democracy has risen against Germany's appetite for conquest."

In his speech, referring to the war aims of France, Pichon said the first was to conquer. "But why?" he went on. "To assure a world peace of justice and fraternity. We desire the liberation of our occupied territories, just preparation for what has been forebodingly torn from us, reintegration of Alsace-Lorraine, reparation for damages sustained and a guaranty of durable peace by international agreements."

**Parley Adjourned to Jan. 4.**

Petrograd, Dec. 29.—The delegates of the central powers to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to a ten-day recess. The peace negotiations are to be resumed January 4 at a place not yet determined.

Leon Trotsky, the bolshevik foreign minister, is reported to be drafting a new note to the allied embassies, again asking them to participate in the peace conference.

### HAD NO SHIPBUILDING PLAN

Rear Admiral Bowles Explains Delay to Senate Body.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Rear Admiral Bowles, assistant to the general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, testifying before the senate committee, threw new light on delay in ship construction, the cause of which congress is seeking.

He brought out, among other points, the following:

1. That neither the shipping board nor the emergency fleet corporations has a definite building program.
2. That at least one contract was let by the government to an organization which had neither men nor materials, possessed only an option on a desirable site, and even now, while constructing a yard to be paid for by the government and still utilizing the services of men on the pay roll of the fleet corporation.
3. That, while "some contractors are acting in good faith . . . others are trying to take advantage of the government."

The admiral explained, however, that the construction of ships was being driven ahead with all possible dispatch and that new ships would be coming from the yards now at frequent intervals.

### TEUTONS TO BOMB GOTHAM?

American Says Germany Will Make Good Her Threat.

New York, Dec. 29.—Lieut. Edward J. Roberts, an American member of the British royal flying corps, told the Aeronautical Society of America that Germany would make good her threat to bombard New York from the air.

"The Hun has said that he'll come over and bomb New York. He'll do it," the aviator said. "He has the machine. England at this moment has one that will fly continuously for 38 hours, and the Atlantic can be crossed in 30."

"Where's your new office?"  
"I'm on the thirty-seventh floor of the Cottonworth building."  
"Do you like it?"  
"I haven't got acclimated yet."  
—Boston Evening Transcript.

## "FOIL FOE IN RUSSIA"

American Rail Expert Urges Allies to Back Russia.

J. F. Stevens Says Peace Will Not Be Concluded if Entente Give Help and Suggestions.

Tokyo, Dec. 29.—John F. Stevens, chief American railway commissioner to Russia, arrived at Nagasaki on December 19 from Vladivostok. He has taken all the accommodations of an entire hotel in Nagasaki for the 320 members of his staff.

In a statement, Mr. Stevens said he fully expected soon to return to Russia to prosecute the proposed work of assisting in the reorganization of Russian rail communications. He denied the report that he was returning to America.

"The demand on America by the European war front is important, but the Russian situation is treble important, as it involves the return of a million and a half German and Austrian effective and gives unlimited possibilities to the German organization of Russia's resources and man power."

"Russia at present presents a completely chaotic condition, permeated by the most clever German propaganda and in every way and everywhere among all classes of the people. 'Nevertheless, I believe the better judgment of the mass of the people will be asserted, and Germany will not succeed in forcing a separate peace. Such a peace cannot be concluded if the allies promptly give their help and suggestions.'

"The maximalists now in control are much stronger than generally credited. In any future reorganization or attempts at a stable government the maximalists must be considered and handled rightly."

"Siberia is not so much disturbed as Russia, and it is the people's desire to support any government appearing to be stable. The uncertainty in Russia rests in the vast preponderance of the 130,000,000 persons in the peasant class. If Germany is allowed to finance and advise them, the situation is lost."

Mr. Stevens said that everywhere he found the people well disposed toward America. Even when soldiers stopped his special car and entered it they apologized and withdrew on learning that the passengers were Americans.

The American influence is strong, possibly stronger than that of the other allies, and Mr. Stevens thinks it now should be exerted to the utmost, but that the application of physical force in any degree is not advisable.

"Not for a moment should the allies relax their sympathy and help, but, on the contrary, should quadruple their efforts."

"We should earnestly beg the allies not to punish the Russian people," said Mr. Stevens, "who love their country, nor to abandon them to the Germans."

"We are going back and will stay there as long as we can be of any assistance to the Russian people."

"The farmer nowadays is monarch of all he surveys."

"Not quite all."

"No?"

"The middleman takes a look at the farmer's profits and adds a bit for himself." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

## WILSON NOW 61; PLAYS GOLF

Rush of War Work Prevents Celebration of Anniversary.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Coincident with the taking over of the railroads President Wilson celebrated his sixty-first birthday anniversary yesterday. No special ceremony was planned at the White House as the war-time rush of work makes impossible any deviation in the president's daily routine. Congratulatory letters and messages piled into the White House all day. During the morning the president played golf with Mrs. Wilson and later worked on the railroad address he will deliver to congress next week. Judge John F. Hylan, mayor-elect of New York, had a five-minute appointment with President Wilson, presumably to pay his respects.

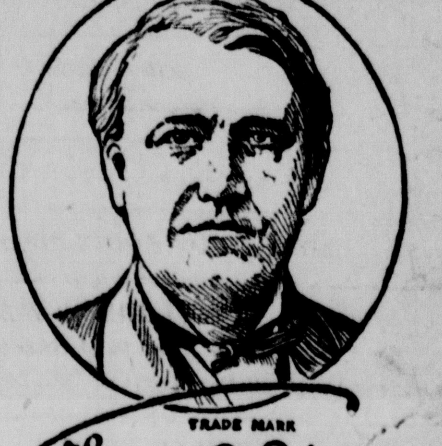
## BANKER HELD FOR MURDER

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict Against E. A. Strause of Peoria, Ill.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 29.—E. A. Strause, Peoria banker who shot and killed Berne Mead, bank cashier of the State Trust and Savings bank last Sunday, was held for murder, without bail by a coroner's jury here. The jury was out less than ten minutes when it reached the verdict. Coroner William H. Elliott immediately swore out a warrant for the holding of Strause in the county jail. Since his arrest Sunday he has been allowed the freedom of the city hall.

**Former U. S. Senator Dies.** Alexandria, La., Dec. 29.—John R. Thornton, former United States senator from Louisiana, died here, aged seventy-one years.

## THE EDISON PHONOGRAPH



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### By ZANE GREY

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## CHAPTER I.

So it was in him, then—an inherited fighting instinct, a driving intensity to kill. He was the last of the Duanes, that old fighting stock of Texas. But not the memory of his dead father, nor the pleading of his soft-voiced mother, nor the warning of his uncle who stood before him now, had brought to Buckley Duane so much realization of the dark, passionate strain in his blood. It was the recurrence, a hundredfold increased in power, of a strange emotion that for the last three years had arisen in him.

"Yes, Cal Bain's in town, full of bad whisky 'n' huntin' for you," repeated the older man, gravely.

"But what's he want me for?" demanded Duane. "To insult me again? I won't stand that twice."

"He's got a fever that's rampant in Texas these days, my boy. He wants gun-play. If he meets you he'll try to kill you."

Here it stirred in Duane again, that bursting gush of blood, like a wind of flame shaking all his inner being, and subsiding to leave him strangely chilled.

"Kill me! What for?" he asked.

"Lord knows there ain't no reason. But what's that to do with most of the shootin' these days? Didn't five cowboys over to Everall's kill one another dead all because they got to jerkin' at a quirt among themselves? An' Cal has no reason to love you. His girl was sweet on you."

"I quit when I found out she was his girl."

"I reckon she ain't quit. But never mind her or reasons. Cal's here, just drunk enough to be ugly. He's achin' to kill somebody. He's one of them four-flush gun-fighters. There's a lot of wild cowboys where they'd fix the reputation. They laugh at the sheriffs an' brag about how they'd fix the rangers. Cal's sure not much for you to bother with, if you only keep out of his way."

"You mean for me to run?" asked Duane, in scorn.

"I reckon I wouldn't put it that way. Just avoid him. Buck, I'm not afraid Cal would get you. What I'm most afraid of is that you'll kill Bain."

Duane was silent, letting his uncle's earnest words sink in, trying to realize their significance.

"Buck," went on the uncle, "you're twenty-three now, an' a powerful sight of a fine fellow, barrin' your temper. You've a chance in life. But if you go gun-fightin', if you kill a man,



"I'd Never Hang."

you're ruined. The rangers would make you an outlaw. This even-break business doesn't work with them. If you resist arrest they'll kill you. If you submit to arrest, then you go to jail, an' mebbe you hang."

"I'd never hang," muttered Duane, dully.

"I reckon you wouldn't," replied the old man. "You'd be like your father. He was ever ready to draw—too ready. In times like these, with the Texas rangers enforcin' the law, your dad would have been driven to the river. He was killed in a street-fight. An' it was told of him that he shot twice after a bullet had passed through his heart. Think of the terrible nature of a man, to be able to do that. If you have any such blood in you, never give it a chance."

"What you say is all very well, uncle," returned Duane, "but the only way out for me is to run, and I won't do it. Cal Bain and his outfit have already made me look like a coward."

"Well, then, what're you goin' to do?" inquired the older man.

"I haven't decided—yet."

"No, but you're comin' in to mighty fast. That terrible spell is workin' in you. You're gettin' cool an' quiet, an' you think deep, an' I don't like the

not try so swiftly. In less than ten minutes everybody who had been on the street or in the shops knew that Buck Duane had come forth to meet his enemy.

Duane walked on. When he came to within fifty paces of a saloon he swerved out into the middle of the street, stood there for a moment, then went ahead and back to the sidewalk. He passed on in this way the length of the block. Sol White was standing in the door of his saloon.

"Buck, I'm a-tippin' you off," he said, quick and low-voiced. "Cal Bain's over at Everall's. If he's a-huntin' you bad, as he brags, he'll show there."

Duane crossed the street and started down. Notwithstanding White's statement, Duane was wary and slow at every door. Nothing happened, and he traversed almost the whole length of the block without seeing a person. Everall's place was on the corner.

Duane knew himself to be cold, steady. He was conscious of a strange fury that made him want to leap



His Bullet Scattered Dust and Gravel at Duane's Feet.

ahead. He seemed to long for this encounter more than anything he had ever wanted. But, vivid as were his sensations, he felt as if in a dream.

Before he reached Everall's he heard loud voices, one of which was raised high. Then the short door swung outward as if impelled by a vigorous hand. A bowlegged cowboy wearing woolly chaps burst out upon the sidewalk. At sight of Duane he seemed to bound into the air, and he uttered a savage roar.

Duane stopped in his tracks at the outer edge of the sidewalk, perhaps a dozen rods from Everall's door.

If Bain was drunk he did not show it in his movement. He swaggered forward, rapidly closing up the gap. Red, sweaty, beveled and hatless, his face distorted and expressive of the most malignant intent, he was a wild and sinister figure. He had already killed a man, and this showed in his demeanor. His hands were extended before him, the right hand a little lower than the left. At every step he belittled his rancor in speech mostly curses. Gradually he slowed his walk, then halted. A good twenty-five paces separated the men.

"Won't nothin' make you draw, you son-of-a-bitch?" he shouted fiercely.

"I'm waitin' on you, Cal," replied Duane.

Bain's right hand stiffened—moved. Duane threw his gun as a boy throws a ball underhand—a draw his father had taught him. He pulled twice, his shots almost as one. Bain's big Colt boomed while it was pointed downward and he was falling. His bullet scattered dust and gravel at Duane's feet. He fell loosely, without contortion.

In a flash all was reality for Duane. He went forward and held his gun ready for the slightest movement on the part of Bain. But Bain lay upon his back, and all that moved were his breast and his eyes. How strangely the red had left his face—and also the distortion! The devil that had showed in Bain was gone. He was sober and conscious. He tried to speak, but failed. His eyes expressed something pitifully human. They changed—rolled—set blankly.

Duane drew a deep breath and sheathed his gun. He felt calm and cool, glad the fray was over. One violent expression burst from him.

"The fool!"

When he looked up there were men around him.

"Plumb center," said one.

Another, a cowboy who evidently had just left the gaming table, leaned down and pulled open Bain's shirt. He had the ace of spades in his hand. He laid it on Bain's breast, and the black figure on the card covered the two bullet holes just over Bain's heart.

Duane wheeled and hurried away. He heard another man say:

"Reckon Cal got what he deserved. Buck Duane's first gun-play. Like father like son!"

## CHAPTER II.

When Duane came to the gate of his home and saw his uncle there with a mettlesome horse, saddled with caution, rope and bags all in place, a subtle shock pervaded his spirit. It had slipped his mind—the consequence of his act, but sight of the horse and the look of his uncle recalled the fact that he must now become a fugitive. An unreasoning anger took hold of him.

"That d—d fool!" he exclaimed hoarsely. "Meeting Bain wasn't much, Uncle Jim. He dusted my boots, that's all. And for that I've got to go on

the dodge."

"Son, you killed him—then?" asked the uncle, huskily.

"Yes. I stood over him—watched him die. I did as I would have been done by."

"I knew it. Long ago I saw it comin'. But now we can't stop to cry over spilt blood. You've got to leave town an' this part of the country."

"Mother!" exclaimed Duane.

"She's away from home. You can wait. I'll break it to her—what she always feared."

Suddenly Duane sat down and covered his face with his hands.

"My God! Uncle, what have I done?" His broad shoulders shook.

"Listen, son, an' remember what I say," replied the older man, earnestly. "Don't ever forget. You're not to blame. I'm glad to see you take it this way, because maybe you'd never grow hard an' callous. You're not to blame. This is Texas. You're your father's son. These are wild times. The law as the rangers are laying it down now can't change life all in a minute."

"I'm a murderer," said Duane, shuddering.

"No, son, you're not. An' you never will be. But you've got to be an outlaw till time makes it safe for you to come home."

"An outlaw?"

"I said it. If we had money an' influence, we'd risk a trial. But we've neither. Strike for the wild country, an' wherever you go an' whatever you do—be a man. You can't come home. When this thing is lived down, if that time ever comes, I'll reach you some day. That's all. Remember, be a man. Good-by."

Duane, with blurred sight and contracting throat, gripped his uncle's hand and bade him a wordless farewell. Then he leaped astride the barrel and rode out of town.

As swiftly as was consistent with a care for his steed, Duane put a distance of fifteen or eighteen miles behind him. He passed several ranches, and was seen by men. This did not suit him, and he took an old trail across country. It was a flat region with a poor growth of mesquite and prickly-pear cactus. Occasionally he caught a glimpse of low hills in the distance. He had hunted often in that section, and knew where to find grass and water. When he reached this higher ground he did not, however, halt at the first favorable stopping spot, but went on and on.

At last he found a secluded spot, under cover of thick mesquites and oaks, at a goodly distance from the old trail. He took saddle and pack off the horse, made a small fire, prepared and ate his supper. This done, ending the work of that day, he sat down and filled his pipe. When night set in and the place seemed all the more isolated and lonely for that Duane had a sense of relief.

It dawned upon him all at once that he was nervous, watchful, sleepless. The fact caused him surprise, and he began to think back to take note of his late actions and their motives. The change one day had wrought amazed him. He who had always been free, easy, happy, especially when out alone in the open, had become in a few short hours bound, serious, preoccupied. He felt tired, yet he had no inclination to rest. He intended to be off by dawn, heading toward the southwest. Had he a destination? It was vague as his knowledge of that great waste of mesquite and rock bordering the Rio Grande. Somewhere out there was a refuge. For he was a fugitive from justice, an outlaw.

This being an outlaw then meant eternal vigilance. No home, no rest, no sleep, no content, no life worth the living! He must be a lone wolf or he must herd among men obnoxious to him. If he worked for an honest living, he still must hide his identity and take risks of detection. If he did not work on some distant, outlying ranch, how was he to live? The idea of stealing was repugnant to him. The future seemed gray and somber enough. And he was twenty-three years old.

But what was the matter with the light of his campfire? It had taken on a strange green luster and seemed to be wavering off into the outer shadows, as if he were not there, saw no movement, no life, no sleep, no rest, no content, no life worth the living! He must be a lone wolf or he must herd among men obnoxious to him. If he worked for an honest living, he still must hide his identity and take risks of detection. If he did not work on some distant, outlying ranch, how was he to live? The idea of stealing was repugnant to him. The future seemed gray and somber enough. And he was twenty-three years old.

That haunting vision left Duane sitting there in a cold sweat, a remorse gnawing at his vitals, realizing the curse that was on him. He divined that never would he be able to keep off that phantom. He remembered how his father had been eternally pursued by furies of accusing guilt, how he had never been able to forget in work or in sleep those men he had killed.

The hour was late when Duane's mind let him sleep, and then dreams

troubled him. In the morning he hesitated himself so early that in the gray gloom he had difficulty in finding his horse. Day had just broken when he struck the old trail again.

He rode hard all morning and halted in a shady spot to rest and graze his horse. In the afternoon he took to the trail at an easy trot. The country grew wilder. Bald, rugged mountains broke the level of the monotonous horizon. About three in the afternoon he came to a little river which marked the boundary line of his hunting territory and followed it upstream.

In this kind of travel and camping he spent three more days, during which he crossed a number of trails, and one where cattle—stolen cattle, probably—had recently passed. He followed the road until a late hour, when, striking the willow brakes again and hence the neighborhood of the river, he picked his horse and lay down to rest. But he did not sleep. His mind bitterly revolved the fate that had come upon him. He made efforts to think of other things, but in vain. Every moment he expected the chill, the sense of loneliness that yet was ominous of a strange visitation, the peculiarly imagined lights and shades of the night—these things that presaged the coming of Cal Bain. Doggedly Duane fought against the insidious phantom. He kept telling himself that it was just imagination, that it would wear off in time. Still in his heart he did not believe what he hoped. But he would not give up; he would not accept the ghost of his victim as a reality.

Gray dawn found him in the saddle again, headed for the river. Half an hour of riding brought him to the dense chaparral and willow thickets. These he threaded to come at length to the ford. Once upon the opposite shore, he reined in his horse and looked darkly back. This action marked his acknowledgment of his situation; he had voluntarily sought the refuge of the outlaws; he was beyond the pale.

The trail led into a road which was hard packed and smooth from the tracks of cattle. He doubted not that he had come across one of the roads used by border raiders. He headed into it, and had scarcely traveled a mile when, turning a curve, he came point-blank upon a single horseman riding toward him. Both riders wheeled their mounts sharply and were ready to run and shoot back. Not more than a hundred paces separated them. They stood then for a moment watching each other.

"Mawhin', stranger," called the man, dropping his gun to his hip.

"Howdy," replied Duane shortly.

They rode toward each other, closing half the gap, then they halted again.

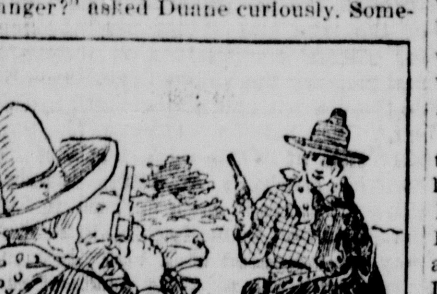
"I seen you ain't no ranger," called the rider, "an' shore I ain't none."

He laughed loudly, as if he had made a joke.

"How'd you know I wasn't a ranger?" asked Duane curiously. Some-

how he had instantly divined that this horseman was no officer, or even a rancher trailing stolen stock.

"Wal," said the fellow, starting his horse forward at a walk, "a ranger'd never get ready to run the other way from one man."



Both Riders Wheeled Their Horses Sharply.

Wal, Buck," said Stevens, in a friendly manner. "I ain't presumin' on your time or company. I see you're headin' for the river. But will you stop long enough to stake a feller to a bite of grub?"

"I'm out of grub and pretty hungry myself," admitted Duane.

"Been pushin' your hoss, I see. Wal, I reckon you'd better stock up before you hit that stretch of country."

He made a wide sweep of his right arm, indicating the southwest, and there was significant of a vast and barren region.

"Stock up?" queried Duane, thoughtfully.

"Shore. A feller has jest got to eat. I can rustle along without whisky, but not without grub. There's what makes it so embarrassin' travelin' these parts dodgin' your shadow. Now, I'm on my way to Mercer. It's a little two-bit town up the river a ways. I'm goin' to pack out some grub."

Stevens' tone was inviting. Evidently he would welcome Duane's companionship, but he did not openly say so. Duane kept silence, however, and then Stevens went on.

"Stranger, in this here country two's a crowd. It's safer, I never was much on this lone-wolf dodgin', though I've done it of necessity. It takes a mighty good man to travel alone any length of time. Why, I've been that sick I was jest achin' for some ranger to come along an' plug me. Give me a pardner any day. Now, mebbe you're not that kind of a feller, an' I'm shore not presumin' to ask. But I jest declares myself sincere."

"You mean you'd like me to go with

you?" asked Duane.

Stevens grinned. "Wal, I should smile. I'd be particular proud to be braced with a man of your reputation."

"See here, my good fellow, that's all nonsense," declared Duane, in some haste.

"Shore I think modesty becomin' to a youngster," replied Stevens. "I hate a brag. Buck, I don't know much about you. But every man who's lived along the Texas border remembers a lot about your dad. I jest heard that you was lightnin' on the draw, an' when you cut loose with a gun, why the finger on the ace of spades would cover your cluster of bullet holes. There's the word that's gone down the border. Now, Buck, I'm not a spring chicken, an' I've been long on the dodge. Mebbe a little of my society won't hurt you none. You'll need to learn the country."

There was something sincere and likable about this outlaw.

"I dare say you're right," replied Duane, quietly. "And I'll go to Mercer with you."

Next moment he was riding down the road with Stevens. Duane had never been much of a talker, and now he found speech difficult. But his companion did not seem to mind that. He was a jocular, voluble fellow, probably glad now to hear the sound of his own voice. Duane listened, and sometimes he thought with a pang of the distinction of name and heritage of blood his father had left to him.

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## ASHTON

Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Senater were surprised Christmas day by 49 friends in honor of their wedding anniversary. The guests brought a Christmas dinner which was neatly enjoyed. A rocking chair was left in the home as a happy remembrance of the occasion.

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Mrs. J. C. Wetzel spent Wednesday at Rochelle at the home of her brother, Wm. Hunt, and her mother, Mrs. Miligan Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Glenn moved into their new home this week.

The Christian Endeavor society is planning to entertain the congregation in the church parlors on Friday evening.

Clarence Paddock has a four days' leave from Camp Grant over Christmas at the home of his father, Milton Paddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brewer of Luverne, Minn., arrived for the Christmas holidays and are guests of his mother, Mrs. Abbie Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood and baby spent Christmas day in Chicago with Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Elsenberg accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Arnold Jr. entertained a few friends Tuesday evening in honor of Mrs. Arnold's brother, Clarence Paddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Beach expect to start for Florida today.

Miss Minnie Aschenbrenner came out from Chicago to visit her mother, Mrs. Aschenbrenner and spend Christmas here.

Mrs. Francis Chadwick and son Billy of Hamilton, O., came Saturday to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunt.

Miss Eva Hunt of Sterling and Miss Hilda McIntosh of Northwestern University are enjoying the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt.

Dr. E. J. Brewer of Shabbona visited on Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. Abbie Brewer.

Mrs. Christine Gonnerman and children of Dixon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Krug, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Brown came Wednesday from Rockford to spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. E. C. Griffith.

The funeral of Mrs. McCade of De-

Kalb was held this afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. Manshardt officiating. Mrs. McCade has a son in Ashton, Theodore McCade. The remains were brought to Mr. McCade's home last evening.

Everett Newcomer came Tuesday afternoon to visit his father, David Newcomer.

George Walter of Camp Grant was a Christmas guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Graham.

Miss Edna Stepan of Chicago spent her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Ernestine Stepan.

Mrs. Louise Sindlinger returned from the Dixon hospital the first of the week.

Dr. and Mrs. English have purchased the home now occupied by the Misses Moon.

Isaac Frank of Dixon spent Christmas here.

Among the young people at home from school are Lee Herwig, Stan-dard Griffith, Andrus Griffith and Marjorie Griffith, from Illinois; Orva Moore from Downers Institute; N. B. Griffith and Shippee of Cornell, Ia.; Miss Wagner of Wheaton and Hilda McIntosh of Northwestern.

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6 3:28 a.m.		6:45 a.m.	
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10 11:21 a.m.		2:00 p.m.	
20 11:01 a.m. dly ex Sun		2:25 p.m.	
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11 6:05 p.m.		9:40 p.m.	
25 6:10 p.m.		9:04 p.m.	
17 9:40 p.m.		12:11 a.m.	
7 10:00 p.m.		12:23 a.m.	
3 11:20 p.m.		2:16 a.m.	
No. Lv. Dixon		Ar. Peoria	
801 8:30 a.m.		12:05 p.m.	

\*Train 17. Stops only for passengers for Canyon, Wyo., and beyond, or for Des Moines sleeping passengers.

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY.

Correct time of all trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers and freight. \*Daily, \*Daily except Sunday.

South Bound.		North Bound.	
119 Local Exp. Dly ex Sun	7:20 a.m.	122 Southern Exp.	11:10 a.m.
123 Southern Exp.	11:10 a.m.	131 Clinton Exp.*	5:09 p.m.
124 Local Exp.	5:09 p.m.	122 Ft. Dodge Exp.*	9:53 a.m.
120 Local Exp.	8:49 p.m.	124 Local Mail Dly.	5:35 p.m.
Freight Freight*	12:30 p.m.	120 Local Exp.	8:49 p.m.

## TIME THE MAILS CLOSE

The following table shows the time of closing all mail forwarded to the Dixon postoffice. Mail should be in the postoffice ten minutes preceding the locking or closing time to insure its dispatch.

Train	East Mail	Time
No. 6	.....	3:00 a.m.
No. 28	.....	6:55 a.m.
No. 4	.....	3:50 p.m.
No. 12	.....	5:49 p.m.
No. 20	.....	10:40 a.m.

West Mail.		South Mail	
No. 5	.....	9:55 a.m.	
No. 13	.....	12:55 p.m.	
No. 27	.....	6:40 p.m.	
No. 9	.....	8:35 p.m.	
No. 15	.....	3:00 a.m.	

North Mail		South Mail	
No. 122	.....	10:40 a.m.	
No. 131	.....	4:50 p.m.	
No. 122	.....	9:30 a.m.	
No. 124	.....	4:50 p.m.	

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I lurk in unseen places, and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not. I am relentless.

I am everywhere—in the house, on the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degradation and death and yet few seek to avoid me. I destroy, crush and maim; I give nothing, but take all.

I am your worst enemy. I am carelessness.

## AMERICANS SINK DIVER

Passengers on U. S. Steamer See U-Boat's Destruction.

Former Boston Newspaper Man Says Yankee Destroyers Captured Four German Submarines.

London, Dec. 29.—A German submarine was sunk by the fire of guns of an American passenger steamer approaching the British coast Thursday, according to reports of the passengers and gunners aboard.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Four German submarines were captured recently by 12 American destroyers, according to an American seaman who reached his home here from a French port.

The seaman, a former Boston newspaper man, was aboard a troop ship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the Stars and Stripes, steamed in with their prizes.

The submarines were lying on the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, during the process of recharging their batteries, when the American destroyers swept down on them and took them prisoner without a fight.

While the transport was still at the French port, the seaman said, a German U-boat entered the harbor with a white flag flying from her periscope.

The enemy crew explained that they had been lying in wait for the troop ship in the open sea, and that when they failed to find her and the supplies ran low the crew mutilated, killed the commander and decided to surrender.

## STOP LIBERTY BOND TRADE

Secretary McAdoo Asks Merchants to Discontinue Practice.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Merchants of the country are asked to discontinue the sale of merchandise for Liberty bonds in a statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

Secretary McAdoo's statement follows: "It has been brought to my attention that numbers of merchants throughout the country are offering to take Liberty Loan bonds of the first and second issue at par, or even in some cases at a premium, in exchange for merchandise. While I have no doubt that these merchants are actuated by patriotic motives, I am sure that they have failed to consider the effect which the acceptance of their offers would have upon the situation. When the bonds are exchanged for merchandise, it defeats the primary object of their sale, it discourages thrift and increases expenditures, thus depriving the government of L-bond and material needed for war purposes."

NEW TRENCH TO FOIL TANKS  
Von Hindenburg Orders Defense Works in West Widened.

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—Since the British have begun to use tanks on a big scale on the western front the Germans have adopted a new style of trench. It was found that the tanks could easily cross a trench of ordinary size, meanwhile emptying its machine guns among the defenders. Information was received that Von Hindenburg has ordered a widening of the most important German trenches facing the British and that some are being dug to a width of 16 to 20 feet.

Bolshevik Release Prisoners.  
Stockholm, Dec. 29.—A number of German civilian prisoners, who have been released in Russia by the bolshevik government, arrived at Haparanda, they are on their way to Germany.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF FILING FINAL SETTLEMENT  
Estate of Luella M. Copeland, deceased.

Public notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Luella M. Copeland, deceased, will attend before the County Court of Lee County, at the Court House in Dixon, on the 7th day of January, 1918, next, for the purpose of making a final settlement of said estate, at which time and place I will ask for an order of distribution, and will also ask to be discharged. All persons interested are notified to attend.

Amboy, Ill., December 22nd, 1917.  
RALPH HOWARD, Administrator.

HARRY EDWARDS, Attorney.

## MEXICAN TROOPS KILL BANDIT

Carranza Soldiers Take Up Pursuit and Punishment of Band.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mexican federal cavalry troops have taken up the "hot trail" in pursuit of the few remaining Mexican bandits who raided the Brite store and ranch Christmas morning, killing three civilians and wounding one, beginning the bandit chase in Mexico, where the American cavalry troops were forced to abandon it because of the lack of supplies and distance from their base in Mexico.

This was announced by Mexican Consul General Andres Garcia.

Washington, Dec. 29.—At least one of the Mexicans who killed Lee Sharp and Clarence Sellers near Piedras Negras recently has been shot and killed by Mexican government troops; the American consul at Piedras Negras reported to the state department.

Information secured by the consul was that government troops shot one Mexican December 26 and arrested three others, one of whom was being sent to Piedras Negras. The men confessed that they had murdered the Americans, adding that they were on a cattle-stealing expedition when Sharp intervened.

SAYS PACKERS OUST DEALERS  
Witness Charges Price Cutting Plan to Ruin Retailers in Various Cities.

Boston, Dec. 29.—John Glennie, witness at the federal trade commission hearing of the packing business, charged that packers were establishing big meat stores in various cities for the purpose of driving retailers out of business. The Mohican company, which operates a chain of stores in New England, was one of those concerned, he said. The packers, he stated, set retail prices at these stores so low that independent stores could not compete and many went out of business.

Glennie, who has been in the rendering business in New England for many years, declared further that there were no independent soap manufacturers in the country. "He had been obliged to sell his waste product to 'trust' concerns, he said, but even so was able to make a profit because his overhead expenses were low as compared with those of the packers.

WIT AND NEAR WIT.  
"Incarcerating offenders is the wrong idea. We ought to try to prevent crime."

"Just so," said the old fashioned judge. "And you can prevent lots of crime by putting the right people in jail."—Kansas City Journal.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.  
Special Warrant Under Local Improvement Ordinance No. 173, Supplemental, Series 1916.

A PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the County Court of Lee County, Illinois, has rendered judgement for special assessment upon the property benefited by the following improvement: the construction of cement concrete pavement on Fourth Street, Sixth Street, Jackson Avenue and Van Buren Avenue and cement concrete driveways on Fourth Street and Van Buren Avenue in the City of Dixon, Illinois, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of such judgement now on file in my office and that a warrant for the collection of such assessment is in the hands of the undersigned.

Said assessment is payable in Seven (7) annual installments. The amount of the first installment is \$377.88 and is due and payable on or before January 2nd, 1918; the last six of said installments are due and payable January 2nd in each of the years 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, both inclusive, and are for the sum of \$260.00 each. All such installments bear interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum payable annually on the 2nd day of May from the 24th day of December, A. D. 1917.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed against the premises represented by them in the assessment roll which has been heretofore confirmed in the County Court, at the Collector's Office in the City Hall in the City of Dixon within thirty days from and after the date hereof, if they desire to stop interest on their said investment.

Dated this 29th day of December, A. D. 1917.

BLAKE GROVER, Collector.

## J. E. COFFMAN SWINGS

\$350,000 CATTLE DEAL

DISPOSES OF ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF HERD FOR OVER A THIRD OF A MILLION DOLLARS.

One of the largest and most important sales of pure bred cattle to one individual was consummated last week when J. E. Coffman of the Empire Farms, near Lanark, Ill., sold and shipped over 200 head of registered Herefords to William G. Galloway, the Waterloo, Iowa, millionaire, and received in exchange therefor \$400,000 and 1,224 acres of land.

The land is conservatively valued. It is said, at \$250 per acre, land in this county frequently selling at \$300 or over per acre. It is believed that this cattle deal, involving as it does more than a third of a million dollars, sets a new record in the United States.

Included in the sale was the 2,500-pound grand champion herd bull, Prince Perfection, at a price of \$10,000, and which cost Mr. Coffman nearly that sum at the Harris Davenport sale last spring. The females were the product of the best grand champion blood of the world.

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Just prior to shipment, State Veterinarian J. R. Snively gave the herd an exhaustive health test and pronounced it one of the finest and cleanest herds of the breed.

Buys Off, and Sells to Millionaire.  
Ten years ago Mr. Coffman purchased his foundation herd of the retiring millionaire ranchman and banker, John T. Campbell, of Foreston, Ill. While Mr. Coffman has disposed of many males from time to time, the entire female production has awaited this gigantic sale to another millionaire, William Galloway, president of the William Galloway Manufacturing Co., who owns and operates a sideline some twenty farms in the vicinity of Waterloo, and three of which, with the above sum, he had transferred to Mr. Coffman for a herd of breeding cattle that will put Waterloo, Iowa, on the Hereford map, Mr. Galloway having decided to dispose of his registered Holsteins and Ayrshires.

This is Mr. Galloway's first dip into the Hereford cattle business, and his search for the best cattle and the right principles of doing business led him to the Empire Farms. Mr. Coffman has made it a condition of every sale that the individual sold must give absolute satisfaction or there is no sale, the buyer having the privilege—any time within one year—of exchanging the animal or of having his money refunded. This principle appealed to Mr. Galloway, as it is the one on which he has built up his large and successful business.

This sale, large as it is, included only about one-third of the Empire Farms herd and J. E. has already filled the gap made by the sale of Prince Perfection by the purchase of, as a calf, for \$8,000, Repeater 86th, a full brother of the \$27,000 Repeater 7th.

Repeater 86th has made a wonderful growth and promises to stand second to none of his four famous brothers.

Until ten years ago, Mr. Coffman was a school teacher. Today he is the owner of 3,000 acres of prairie land and a herd of four hundred Herefords, the result of his energy, perseverance, business acumen and square dealing. Another thing that may have and probably has contributed to John's success is the fact that he has confined his investments exclusively to land and Hereford cattle.—Tri-County Press, Polo.

Miss Elizabeth Daw is ill at the hospital.

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## NOTICE



Dr. Stanley was obliged to return to his home in Rockford Saturday evening but will return to Dixon on Tuesday and remain Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 2, 3 and 4. Leave word at Dewey Hotel for appointments. 3972

## U. S. FLYERS REACH ITALY

Americans Given Enthusiastic Reception in Rome.

Washington, Dec. 29.—That a number of American aviators are the first American fighting unit to reach Italian soil was revealed by cables to the Italian embassy here. These men were given a most enthusiastic reception when they marched through the Italian capital on their way to the training camp that has been established for them.

## HALT ATTACKS AT VERDUN

Germans Cease Efforts to Break Through French Line.

Paris, Dec. 29.—Repulsed in their attempt to break the French line northeast of Verdun, the Germans have ceased their efforts while the artillery on both sides keeps up a lively fire. On the British front the artillery engagement continues at various points.

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The Red Cross is shipping into Paris daily 300 tons of food, clothing, hospital supplies, etc. Much of this is used immediately. The surplus goes into a 100,000-ton warehouse for emergency and against the day American soldiers will start fighting on a large scale.

When emergency comes, the Red Cross is ready. During the recent enemy drive into Italy the Italians appealed for help. Within two days our Red Cross had sent 45 carloads of food and supplies from Paris.

The Red Cross has established in France a factory for the construction of artificial limbs. Within the last few months it has supplied hundreds of French soldiers with wooden legs.

Whatever the Red Cross uses must come from America—must come from generous American hearts and willing American hands. During November the central division of the Red Cross, comprising the states of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska, sent to France 600,000 surgical dressings, 285,000 knitted articles and 335,000 pieces of hospital linen. Yet it can't do enough because it hasn't half enough members.

You Ought to Belong to the Red Cross. Your Help Is Much Needed—Membership Costs a Dollar or Two Dollars for a Year—No More. Be a Patriot—Join Before Christmas Eve.

## STRICKEN EUROPE NEEDS OUR HELP

American Red Cross Answering Appeal on Wonderful Scale—Finest Peace Work in History.

Now Red Cross Asks You and Me to Do Our Part for Those "Over There"—So We Must Join.

In war-torn Europe today there are millions of mothers and babies at the point of death from actual starvation. Winter is at hand. Yet they are ragged and homeless. They are diseased—tuberculosis, dysentery, skin affections, fevers are ravaging them. They are widowed and orphaned and broken with grief.

In order to protect America and save the liberties for which the allies have been battling three years, our own lads are over there now, fighting and dying so that you and I and our wives and our daughters and babies may not suffer unspeakable cruelties at the hands of enemy savages.

Now then? The people of America, through their Red Cross, have undertaken to right the hideous wrongs the Teutons have done to noncombatants in Europe, so far as it is possible to do so. It means building thousands of homes, providing food, clothing and care for millions, conducting hundreds of hospitals on a large scale and thousands of medical dispensaries. It is the biggest peace job the world has ever seen.

But that isn't all—not by a long shot. The American Red Cross has a colossal war labor to perform. It must establish and operate hundreds of large military hospitals of various kinds for our own armies and those of our allies. It must provide necessities and comforts for the fighting men and for the noble women who are nursing the wounded. In short, it must do everything possible to take some of the curse out of war.

This work is already well under way. Our Red Cross is helping all the stricken people on a great scale. Our Red Cross must not fall down on the job. You and I are responsible for the success of the enterprise. Of course we can't go over there, and actually build houses and feed the hungry and clothe the naked and nurse the sick. But we can back up the great machine already in the field and at work.

What can we do—you and I?

Well, first of all we must be members of the Red Cross. At this writing the organization needs millions more of us on its muster rolls. We compose the army at home supporting the army in the field—both peaceful armies. At home here we form chapters and circles that furnish clothing and hospital supplies for soldiers and civilians in Europe. We must provide funds. We must show direct, intimate, personal interest in what the Red Cross field organization is doing. We must knit and sew and save and give.

Right now the Red Cross is campaigning for 15,000,000 members. Fifteen million members by Christmas Eve is the slogan. One year's membership costs one dollar. By paying an additional dollar the member gets the Red Cross Magazine for a year.

Every man, woman and child in this community ought to be wearing a Red Cross pin on Christmas Day. Every father should make each of his children a Christmas gift of a Red Cross membership—and explain to the youngsters the meaning of the present.

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The Evening Telegraph and the Chicago Daily Tribune or Herald, \$6.40.

## WILL WE HELP THE RED CROSS?

Organization Right Now Keeping Millions of Destitute Men, Women and Children Alive in Europe.

All Americans at Home Must Back Up This Great Work Effectually—Join the Red Cross Today.

The American Red Cross has on its hands one of the world's greatest and grimmest jobs. In order to do the work, the organization must have at once fifteen million members. It now has five million on the rolls and is campaigning to secure the ten million additional members by Christmas eve.

Every man, woman and child in this community ought to belong to the Red Cross. Being a member doesn't mean that one is expected to go to Europe, carry wounded soldiers off the battlefields and nurse them in the hospitals. It doesn't mean that one need go to the devastated areas of France, or Belgium, or Poland, or Serbia, and give personal care to the starving, freezing, naked, homeless women and children there.

But it does mean that those of us who stay comfortably at home will do as much as we can in every way to back up the organization already at work "over there."

It does mean that the men among us will contribute our bit to help our brothers fighting the cause of liberty in Europe.

It does mean that the mothers among us will knit and sew for the wretched mothers of Europe and their pitiful babies.

It does mean that our young women will show practical sympathy for the young women along the "western front" and in Serbia who have suffered unspeakable cruelties at the hands of bestial enemy soldiers.

It does mean that our children be made to understand the curse upon the children of Europe, and be taught to make some sort of sacrifice for the cause of humanity.

It does mean that each of us will do what he can individually to supply plenty of comforts for our soldiers fighting the enemy and necessities for the wounded in hospitals.

Stricken Europe is crying to heaven for relief, and Providence is answering that prayer through the instrumentality of the American Red Cross.

Now if it had unlimited funds but only a comparatively few members, the Red Cross would be unable to do the work before it. The first great need is for millions of members—the support of the folks "back home."

Do you know why our lads in the army and navy are acquiring themselves so creditably—why they are amazing the allies by their bravery, intelligence and enthusiasm? It is because those lads are thinking always of their mothers and dads and sisters and sweethearts and kid brothers.

The same thing goes for the Red Cross. When all the dads and mothers and sisters and sweethearts and kid brothers in America show their interest and sympathy for Red Cross work, as members of the Red Cross and as working members, why the Red Cross will cover itself with glory forever more.

A year's membership in the Red Cross costs just one dollar. If one wishes to read the Red Cross Magazine for a year he pays another dollar. Join now. You will never spend a dollar in a better cause.

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Begin the new year by doing all your trading with the stores that are trying to continue their good service as in the past. This is war time and the grocery merchants that give you the service are doing it for your sake—not theirs.

It don't take any brains or money either to run a cash and carry store with no service.

But what in the world would you Dixon people do if your service was all taken away from you?

You should buy all your groceries from the stores that are trying to continue this service and still give you the low prices.

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No. 3 can Pears.....15c

No. 3 can Tomatoes.....18c

No. 3 can Peas.....13c

Can Shad, better than pink salmon.....20c

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Package Corn Flakes.....10c

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